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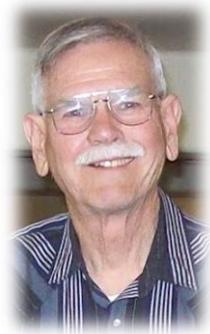
Monthly Newsletter of the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club  
<http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>



April 2016 – Get ready for some great touring!

## Presidents Ramblings

Our club is another year older as we celebrated at the Auburn Valley Country Club with a delicious brunch. Before long we will be celebrating 50 years in 2019. So be thinking about how we are to celebrate. April is a busy month. The next big thing is the Annual Gil Machado Memorial Shake Down Tour April 2<sup>nd</sup>. I'm looking forward to driving the T and seeing the vintage aircraft under restoration at Sanders in Ione. There are two swap meets, HCCA at Bakersfield and HCCA at ARC. Bobby Weitzel and Erik Barrett are running their racer/speedster at the FAST Hill Climb at the Auburn Airport in another attempt to beat the "Model A". Then on April 24<sup>th</sup>, Phil Gardner has invited us to a tour of the Sutter Buttes. This will be a once in a life time opportunity to tour the Buttes all on private property. In order to stream line the T Diggins' production we are asking more members to request email instead of the printed version. The folding, addressing, stamping is quite time consuming. So please give Erik or Cindy Lindstedt a call and request the email version. One last reminder - The April general meeting will be held Tuesday April 5 at the Sizzler. The change for April was made since several officers and others will be out of town on the regular night.



*John Saylor*

## Activities

April 2 - Gil Machado Annual Memorial Shakedown Tour - Sanders Aircraft Restorations, Ione. Leave Raley's at 8 am. Meet Sac Valley Club at Towne Center, Eldorado Hills, 9:30 am. Lunch in Ione \$12.50

April 5 - Tuesday, Note date change for April only. Monthly Meeting. Sizzler, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for Dinner at 5:30-6 pm. Meeting will start at 7 pm.

April 15-16 - Bakersfield HCCA Swap Meet

April 19 - LOLs, 11:30 am, Strings Italian Restaurant, Auburn, KMart shopping Center Hostess: Mary Ramsey, 530-367-3987

April 23 - FAST Hill Climb, Auburn Airport

April 24 - Sutter Buttes Tour - Leave 8 am from McBean Park, Lincoln

April 24 - NOCAL HCCA Swap meet, ARC

April 27-28 - ACCC Convention, at the CAM

May 21-22 - Pava's Antique Antique Car Tour Model T and HCCA - Cameron Park

June 3 - National Donut Day

June 4 - Swap Meet Set up 9 AM, Potluck & BBQ 5pm

June 5 - Mother Lode Swap Meet, Auburn

July 4 - Dutch Flat Independence Day Parade

July 23 - Annual Breakfast Tour

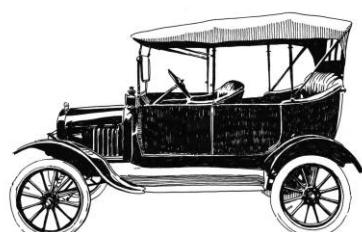
August 20 - Ice Cream Social & Potluck - 2pm Silveira's. 16061 Fairway Glen Place, Alta Sierra.

Sept - Tour needed

Sept 11 - Antique Autos in History Park, San Jose

Oct - Fall Colors Tour

Dec 11 - Christmas Banquet



## Scenes from our 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Charter Celebration



## And coming up soon...

### Gil Machado Annual Memorial Shakedown Tour, Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>



Are you ready for the Shakedown? Hopefully you and your trusty Model T are ready for the first official tour of the 2016 season. You've gone through the T with a fine toothed comb and checked every box on that safety inspection sheet. And you've even decided to pack those tools and tire pump this time! The club departs Raley's at 8:00 am and meeting with the Sac club members at 9:30 at owe Center, Eldorado Hills. For any last minute questions contact Susie or Gary Krezman at 530-823-7957

### LOL Gathering for April

This months' LOL (Ladies out to Lunch) is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th at String's Italian Restaurant, Auburn, in the K Mart Shopping Center. Mary Ramsey is hosting the event and can be reached at 530-367-3987.

### Sutter Buttes Tour, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Did you know?...*The Sutter Buttes were formed about 1.6 million years ago in the early Pleistocene Epoch by volcanic activity. The mountains are the remnants of a volcano that has been dormant for over a million years.* (Source: Yuba City's Sutter Buttes (<http://www.syix.com/yubacity/sutterbuttes.html>)).



As John referenced, this is a rare chance to get up close and personal with a fascinating area renowned for being the "Smallest Mountain Range in the World." Tour departs McBean Park in Lincoln at 8 am. Phil Gardner is our leader for this awesome experience. Contact Phil at 530-671-2029 for further details if needed.

## What's in a name? A car's name that is....

When we bought our brand new F250 Super Duty pickup in late 1999 we found the letters "AHB" in the left-side wheel well. We didn't know what it was supposed to stand for until we realized his name must be "Ahab".



He has served us well over the years and our hearts were broken recently when he was stolen out of our driveway. He was recovered five days later with only the loss of tools, binoculars, hand-held radios, and had to have the damaged locks and ignition replaced. So good to have "Good Old Ahab" back for more trips with our travel trailer. Kitty and Gordon Goodell

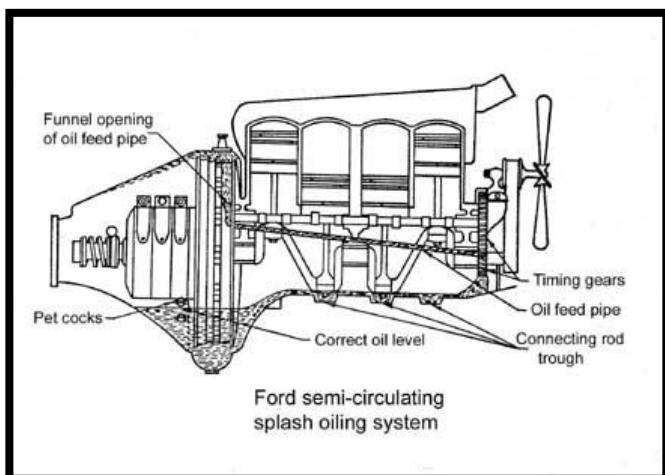


## Willow Run B-24s



The long hanger at Willow Run, Michigan has a 90 degree turn in it so Henry Ford would not have to pay taxes in the next county. That short end is being saved and restored today as a museum. The big hanger doors are still operational after all these years. This is one of the best and most informative clips about a great American accomplishment, thanks to the Ford Motor Company during WWII. A Ford Airplane! AMAZING! Production began here 6 months BEFORE Pearl Harbor! Henry Ford was determined that he could mass produce bombers just as he had with cars, so he built the Willow Run assembly plant and proved it. This was the world's largest building under one roof at the time. This film will absolutely blow you away -- one B-24 every 55 minutes! -- and Ford had its own pilots to test them. And no recalls! ADOLF HITLER HAD NO IDEA THE U.S. WAS CAPABLE OF THIS KIND OF THING. See video at <http://www.youtube.com/embed/iKlt6rNciTo?rel=0> (Submitted by Kitty Goodell)

## Tricks from the trades... When and how to change the T's oil.



No, this is not an attempt to debate the virtues of some secret concoction oil additive that guarantees Ferrari-like performance out of your T, just a little common sense for the Ford's maintenance for a happy life – yours and your car's. First, how often should you change the oil? Answer: Often, very often. Because the Model T shares its four quarts or so of oil with both the engine and transmission, there is a lot going on in there that can add to oil contamination and degradation. Keep in mind the fundamental and critical roles that oil serves: lubrication and equally important, heat dissipation. Without the

two, your beloved T can quickly be reduced to a worn out, seized up, immobile pile of junk. Excessive carburetor choking can add diluting gasoline to the oil supply, short jaunts around the block or down the road without running the engine at full operating temperature can add to moisture and potentially sludge build up in the crankcase. Those bits and pieces of your transmission bands floating around there can

really cause havoc with that little tube that is supposed to gravity feed oil to your front bearings. And your T doesn't have a filter like a more modern car that could help out a bit. Even back in the day, car manufactures and oil companies recommended changing oil every 500-600 hundred miles. Don't be confused by today's ultra clean-burning, computer fuel injected, variable valve timed modern automotive marvels with their proprietary synthetic oils that can go a good 10,000 miles between oil changes. If your T gets little use, change oil at least once a year. If you are touring regularly, a change at least every several hundred miles should do the trick. Changing a Model T's oil is extremely simple – just a 15/16" box wrench, bucket or pan and four quarts of new oil, a few rags is all you need. OK you might have to address some accessory filter/screen if you have one of those too. Perhaps the best time to flush that old oil out is after a long drive when the engine and oil is well heated up and most contaminates are suspended in the oil. Some T owners get into the habit of changing at the end of a long day of touring and gets that car ready for the next excursion. Might seem like a lot of changes, but four quarts of oil is very cheap insurance in keeping the T healthy. A few key points... car on flat surface... chock a wheel for safety... release the parking brake ... drain warm oil out. And let it drain for several hours, even overnight if possible and not just a few minutes in order to get the maximum amount of the old, contaminated oil out. You would be amazed what comes out in those last few drips. After replacing the plug and adding the fresh oil, make sure to crank the car over several times with the ignition off before starting the car to ensure a little lubrication is ready to go. And of course, make sure to dispose of the used oil properly by taking to a recycling center. For what oil to use, now that's a whole other messy subject that you can study on one of the many Model T and other on-line car forums. Let's just say... modern conventional detergent motor oils are probably much better than any oils available in 1920. And you are probably just fine with a straight 30 weight, 10w-30, 10w-40, 15w-40, or 20w-50. You might consider the lighter weights in the bunch for the shorter jaunts, colder weather or non-starter cars and the heavier weights for the warmer weather, longer and sustained drives. As for the controversy regarding detergent oils vs. non-detergents, no, detergent oil does not "eat babbitt." If it did we'd be seeing millions of modern cars dead on the road as even modern car bearing inserts have a thin surface layer of babbitt. Want to use diesel truck oil? Sure, why not. And if you want to add a little zinc additive (aka ZDDP), designed to help protect flat tappet engines it probably wouldn't hurt. And while synthetic oil does theoretically function better at higher heats compared to conventional, the added cost may be a factor with negligible benefit, but you may find that it helps you sleep a little better at bedtime. (EL – image: [www.mtfa.com](http://www.mtfa.com))



## **General Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2016**

**Call to Order / Welcome** - The March 2016 general membership meeting was called to order promptly at 7:00 PM by President John Saylor. The meeting was held at the Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, CA.

**Greeter Report** – Junette Avey Brown noted that no new guests were in attendance.

**Sunshine Report** – Susie Krezman reported that no get well cards were sent out this past month.

**Secretary Report** – Steve Short reported that the minutes of the February 11th 2016 General Meeting were printed in last months "T Diggins' Newsletter". As there were no corrections or additions requested, the minutes were declared to stand without change. A large batch of upcoming event flyers was circulated to the membership.

**Treasurer Report** – Kitty Goodell offered her Treasurer’s report as of February 2016, and that the club remains in excellent financial condition. She reported that the Crab Feed delivered a rare profit of \$178.06 this year due to overall lowered costs. Net cost to the club was \$20.45 / person. Her husband, Gordon delivered a heartfelt “thank you” to all the attendees who provided the volunteer work to set up (and clean up) the Grange Hall that evening. The club will need new volunteers to chair the Crab Feed in 2017 as the Goodells announced this was their last year.

**T-Diggins Editor Report** – John Saylor reported that over half of our membership (40+) were still taking delivery of the club’s newsletter by USPS “Snail Mail”, and made a request that all members with E-mail addresses should please start taking delivery electronically. Please contact Erik with your approval to use your E-mail address if you are still receiving paper mailings. Erik also thanked everyone who has continued to share their personal stories on the naming history of their beloved cars.

**Vice President’s Report on Upcoming Activities** – Susie Krezman, Club V.P. provided an updated general summary of upcoming 2016 MLMTC Events and activities for the Membership:

March 12 - Charter Brunch at the Auburn Valley Country Club is all set. 9 am social, 10 am brunch.

March 16 – LOL’s luncheon: 10:00 AM at Wing’s Restaurant in Auburn. Hostess: Pat Bashore,

March 19 – Safety Clinic at Lewis Burcher’s house has been canceled due to Naomi’s recently diagnosed illness. Members were advised to use the MTFCA, Safety Check list to prep for the Tour.

April 2 - Gil Machado Annual Memorial Shakedown Tour: (Tour Leader: Susie Krezman). The tour will be going to Ione (Departure from Raley’s at 8:00 AM). We will

meet with the Sacramento Club at the “Town Center” in Eldorado Hills, 9:30 am and then proceed to Sanders Aviation in Ione for a tour of their airplane restoration activities. Lunch will be at a local Restaurant. Please bring \$12.50 (exact change please) for each attendee. Drive home when you are ready! (Sign up list was circulated).

April 15-16, HCCA Bakersfield Swap Meet

April 23 – FAST Hill Climb (Auburn Airport). Bobbie Weitzel and Chief Mechanic, Eric Barrett) provided a brief update on their preparations for the upcoming Event.

April 24 – Sutter Buttes Tour: Last month Phil Gardner provided an overview of this rare opportunity to visit this beautiful private property. (Sign up List was circulated). John Saylor will gather our MLMTC members at the McBean Park in Lincoln and they will depart at 8:00 AM for the drive to Yuba City, and meet others at the Yuba Mall for a 10:00 AM departure to the Buttes. Bring your picnic lunch and chairs, and enjoy the scenery! (“A Port a Potty” will be provided). (Contact Phil at 530-671-2029 for further details if needed).

April 24 - HCCA Swap meet, ARC (American River College).

April 27 & 28 – Annual ACCC meeting at CAM. Club normally pays for two people to attend, includes lunch. Gary Krezman will attend. (Contact him at 916-599-0059 if you would like to attend).

May 21 & 22 – David & Patricia Pava Tour. David provided updated information about his planned 1 to 2 day Joint Club tour. So far, attendees from the Horseless Carriage, Bay Area, Santa Clara, Sacramento, and Mother Lode Clubs have been invited. The tour will start in the Cameron Park area, and will proceed to Volcano, CA. It will be set up so you can go one day, or the other, or both. An overnight stay for those who wish will be planned in Sutter Creek (secure car parking close to Hotel), with a

morning tour to the Placerville area, a visit to the Gold Bug Mine, and lunch delivered by "Hog Wild BBQ". He is hoping for a turnout of about 50 cars. Contact David for full information on the details for accommodations etc. for this big event so that you can sign up soon.

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). Julie Instness provided an overview of her ideas for improving food booth operations. Most notably, they included 2 hour shifts for the various job descriptions which will hopefully spread the work out over more people, as well as improve customer flow through the sales line. A signup sheet was then circulated for the members to begin sign ups. Flyers were again delivered by Gary Krezman to get the word out about our well known event. He also circulated a signup sheet for various field operations.

August 20 – Ice Cream Social. Les and Sandy Silveira will be hosting a Potluck and Ice Cream Social at their home in Alta Sierra. Festivities will start at 2:00 PM.

September - Tour needed. Contact Susie with your idea.

### **Old Business**

Trouble Trophy –  
Mark Porco  
finally took  
possession from  
Junette of the  
Club's beloved  
award!



### **Trading Post**

For Sale: Car trailer – Factory made, very nice. Call Cliff Hyatt at 530-885-9011

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

Club Auction of Model T Car "Stuff" - Phil Lawrence's donation of 4 old photographs of different Model T Cars provoked a fierce bidding war between Vern Marriot, Bobbie Weitzel, and Erik Linstedt. Rich Baughman donated a Radiator mounted American Flag set. Another bidding war and Steve Elliot took it home, and our Treasurer had a big smile on her face!

### **New Business**

Next Club General Meeting - has been rescheduled to Tuesday April 5th to eliminate conflict with other events and board member absences.

Tech Tips – No information was offered this evening.

50-50 – Winners were David Pava and Susie Krezman

### **Show and Tell**

Steve Short shared a story about visiting the Moravian Pottery & Tile Company's circa 1900 facilities in Doylestown, PA this past December. He shared pictures including one which revealed a creative adaptation of a Model T Car to power a clay mixer in support of their early Operations!

The President made a final call for any other New Business from the Membership present. Hearing none, President Saylor gavelled the Meeting to a close at 8:12 PM!

Stephen Short, Secretary

## **Happy April Birthdays!**

Mary Lynn Barrett	1
Susie Krezman	8
Beth Finkbeiner	13
Pat Gillming	13
Philip Lawrence	19
Patricia Pava	19
Larry Taylor	22
George Bamber	30



*How old!?*

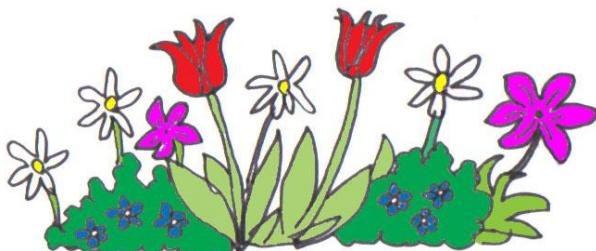


## **Happy April Anniversaries!**

Mervin & Barbara Hall	4
Richard & Joyce Weitzel	6
George & Betty Bamber	11
Dick & Wanda Johnson	24
Randy & Helen Johnson	24



*The real meaning of “shakedown”*



*“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.”*  
*Henry Ford*



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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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