



T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club

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December 2016 – Merry Christmas!

Presidents Ramblings



A spur of the moment "Tour to Nowhere". What a great idea! Sunday, November 20 we met up with the Instness family at the same old place. Rich and family had put together this last minute tour, announced it at the Thursday meeting and ten of us came. Great weather, lots of back roads. It was good to see Jack Duncan, with his daughter Carla touring with us again in his '15 Roadster and also Chris Instness had his newly acquired '15 Roadster out for the tour. Let's do it again! Next year looks to be another great year of fun and touring. Check the calendar and save the dates.

We have an enthusiastic board and new officers for next year. President is Erik Barrett, Vice President Gary Krezman, Secretary Steve Short, and Treasurer Sherry Rodriguez. Additional board members are Phil Lawrence, Brad Lusk, Edward Rodriguez and Rich Baughman. I will be the Newsletter editor along with Phil Lawrence helping with the printing and mailing. I want to thank the board and club members for their support the last two years. It takes team work to keep a club running. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and don't forget to send in your reservation for the Christmas Dinner. Also there is no general membership meeting in December. *John Saylor*

2016 Activities

Dec 11 - Christmas Banquet, Auburn Valley Country Club. 3 pm Social, 4 pm Dinner. RSVP by Nov 27.

Dec 20 - LOL's (Ladies Out to Lunch). Max's Restaurant, 11:30 am. Hostess: Toni Moore 530 823-5233

2017 Save the dates

January 12 – Monthly Meeting, Sizzler, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Dinner at 5:30-7:00. Meeting starts at 7:00.

January - Annual President's Pizza Feed

Feb 4 – Sacramento Free Museum Day

Feb 11 - Annual Crab Feed, Grange Hall, Auburn

March 4 - Charter Celebration, Auburn Valley Country Club

March 17-18 – Chickasha Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK

April 7-8 - The Big Bakersfield Swap Meet

April 22 - Gil Machdo Memorial Shakedown Tour to Colusa

April 23 – NORCAL HCCA Swap Meet.

May - Tour hosted by Brad Lusk

May 13 – Learn to drive a Model T, California Auto Museum, Sacramento

June 4 – 42nd annual Mother Lode Swap Meet. Gold Country Fairgrounds.

July 16-22 - MTFCA-MTFCI National Tour, White Fish, Montana

July - Annual Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour

August - Ice Cream Social

September - Tour hosted by the Saylor's

October - Fall Colors Tour

December – Christmas Party



Scenes from *Tour to Nowhere*, November 13th



Mother Lode Model T Club 2016 Christmas Banquet, Sunday, December 11th

You'd better not cry, you'd better not pout because our annual Christmas Banquet is just around the corner! And hopefully, you have signed up in time as it's probably too late to sign up if you haven't already done so. Eula Marriott is graciously coordinating this festive occasion once again. Social hour starts at 3:00 with dinner served at 4:00. Location is the Auburn Valley Country Club, 8800 Auburn Valley Road in Auburn. Please consider bringing along a canned good or other non-perishable food item as a holiday donation to the Auburn Area Christmas Basket.



LOL Gathering for December

This month's LOL (Ladies out to Lunch) is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th at Max's Restaurant, 110 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn, CA 95603 - Near the Holiday Inn off of Hwy 49. Toni Moore is hosting the event and can be reached at (530) 823-5233.

Note from the Editor

It has been a great opportunity to have been the T Diggins' newsletter editor these past two years and I want to sincerely thank all the club members for their article contributions, suggestions and encouragement related to our club's monthly publication. As noted, John Saylor will once again be taking over the editorial reigns starting in January with Phil Lawrence's assistance with production and distribution. I hope to continue to support the effort with an occasional article most likely in the areas of early automotive history and a few more tech tips. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all!
Erik L

Our Club – Thinking Outside of the Box

We've had a great year of awesome tours and other activities. And just look at we have in store already for our 2017 calendar! John really makes a point when he says that it really takes a team to keep a club running. So for this coming year, let's all consider making a resolution to do our parts in any way that we can and continue sharing our passion for old cars with a great group of friends that represent our T club team and family. Several new ideas for club activities have already been discussed along with suggestions of dusting off some great ideas of the past. Sometimes, simple ideas and opportunities work the best. The Instness' recent "just-in-time" tour is a great example of a great ride that took advantage of



surprisingly good and unexpected weather. We have been hearing interest in the possibility of some overnight or several day tours. While these can be a bit of planning and coordination, we have a number of long-time club members more than willing to share their routes and experiences with newer members willing to take the lead. The Instness family is even floating the idea of a camping tour to explore getting back to wilderness with that Model T. The Krezman's



breakfast tour has become a great hit – How about some other breakfast or brunch tours? The Safety Inspection Day that the Burcher's has been a lot of fun and a great preparation for touring season – Model T driving lesson opportunities could be included or considered as an additional day activity. Beyond the safety inspection there might be interest in a tune-up where we review the steps and processes for a strong running car. On a more informal basis, there is always the possibility of a "Cave Day" where a member opens his or her garage and shares progress (or not) on their projects. Perhaps more sharing of our cars could happen by visiting rest homes or selective schools would be a good idea. How about a car show or display at a local event? Or a car show at our swap meet? What about a "Model T Gymkhana" that provides an obstacle course type challenge for car and driver. There are always more museums and parks to explore. Someone even suggested a tour that includes your pet K9 aka "Doggie Run". Manifold cookouts are always fun. The Saylor's renditions have been awesome along with the Poker Run and the Mileage Run where the best MPG wins. The list goes on and on. Realize that any member can leverage these ideas and come up with even more creative alternatives. And obviously, adding donuts to any of these events can lead to instant success! It just takes a team member (or two, or three) to pick up the ball and run with it. (EL)

Mother Lode Model T Club Meeting Minutes – November 2016 - TBA

Tricks from the Trades - Another use for those holiday candles!



During the holidays, many of our homes are decorated with candles to help brighten our spirits during the cold of winter. Many are decorative in nature, reflecting scenes and symbols or the season and some provide festive scents ranging from pine trees to potpourri. Beyond the esthetic enhancements holiday candles can provide, let's not forget the critical role of candles to the die-hard old car restorers out there... loosening really stuck nuts, bolts and studs! Here is

the trick...If you are struggling with an old rusted threaded assembly and making no progress with your best wrench set even with WD-40 or PB Blaster, consider applying direct heat and the secret ingredient, melted wax!. Obviously, you will need to take all safety precautions as you may need your propane torch to pin-point the heat or perhaps an oxy/acetylene set-up for the big jobs. Make sure to keep open flames far away from any fuel lines or other flammable parts or materials. Heat the nut/bolt/stud/etc. then move the flame away and apply the wax candle directly against the heated area. The heat itself creates differing zones of expansion and the liquid melting wax pulls itself into the threads and mating surfaces – the process is similar to when a plumber “sweats” copper pipe fittings together with solder, but in this case the melted wax acts as a super lubricant filling in tiny gaps and microscopic crevasses. It is amazing just how well the process can work, but take your time and realize that you might have to repeat a time or two for the challenging jobs. As to the temperature, you might find that stubborn steel assemblies need to be at a dull red before the magic can happen. And on those really, really tough ones, consider adding the intermittent mechanical shocking of a pneumatic impact driver or “air wrench.” Some argue the virtues of bees wax over paraffin and some think cheaper wax candles that contain more oil and smoke a bit make for a better lubricant – to each his own. So, you might want to try this trick out on that next “stuck” project, but you may want to wait until after the holidays or consider an alternative source of wax other than that half-melted pumpkin spice Santa Claus currently sitting on the fireplace mantle! (EL)

Happy December Birthdays!

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| Jack Duncan | 1 | Kimberlyn Saylor | 17 |
| Leona Boorinakis | 7 | Murray Work | 21 |
| Wanda Johnson | 8 | Maryann Koch | 23 |
| Bill Finkbeiner | 9 | Courtney Barrett | 24 |
| Virginia Short | 13 | Dani Anders | 26 |
| Wayne Lyndon | 15 | Chris Instness | 27 |
| Nancy Eddinger | 16 | Junette Avey | 31 |
| Rich Silva | 16 | Allen Gillming | 31 |
| Sandy Silveira | 17 | | |

Happy December Anniversaries!

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| Richard & Julie Instness | 2 |
| Gary & Susie Krezman | 4 |
| Allen & Patricia Gillming | 8 |
| Stephen & Virginia Short | 31 |

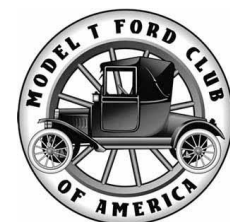
Benjamin Joseph Pomeroy
8/5/1934 - 10/29/2016



Ben, we will miss you.



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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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