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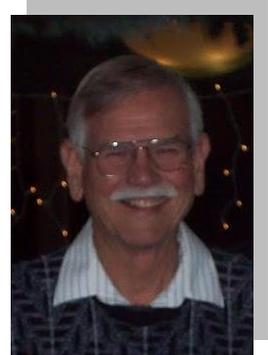
Monthly Newsletter of the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club
<http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>



January 2016

President's Ramblings

We finished off another great year of Model T fun with our Christmas Banquet at Auburn Valley Country Club. We had a good turnout of members enjoying some good food and fellowship. Thanks Eula for continuing to chair this event. 2016 looks to be another exciting year of activities. Our calendar is filled out into June with activities and tours. If you have an idea for a tour, check with Susie to get it on the activities list. This year with all of the rain and snow, we should have some very green country side to tour through. I was saddened to here of the passing of long time member Dusty Ramsey. Dusty passed on just before Christmas on December 21. There will be no service. We will resume our regular monthly meeting at the Auburn Sizzler, Thursday January 14. The annual Presidents Pizza Feed will be Saturday, January 16. Hope to see you there.



John Saylor

Activities – Here is our calendar so far for 2016 with more to come!

Jan 11 - Board meeting. Round Table, Elm Center, Auburn

Jan 14 - Thursday, Monthly Meeting. Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at - 5:30 - 6 pm. Meeting will start at 7 pm.

Jan 16 - President's Pizza Feed 1 pm, Mountain Mikes on Bell Rd., Auburn

Jan 19 - LOLs, 11:30 am, Happy WOK Chinese Food, Elm Shopping Center next to McCaulou's, Auburn. Hostess: Mary Lynn Barrett, 530-885-1069

Feb 20 - Annual Crab Feed, Mt. Vernon Grange Hall, 3185 Bell Rd., Auburn, CA 95603

March - Charter Celebration, Auburn Valley Country Club

April 2 - Gil Machado Annual Memorial Shakedown Tour

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

June 5 - Mother Lode Swap Meet, Auburn

July - Annual Breakfast Tour

“You can't learn in school what the world is going to do next year.”

Henry Ford



Some of the happy faces at the Christmas Banquet!



Vern and Eula



The Burcher Girls!



Larry and Donna



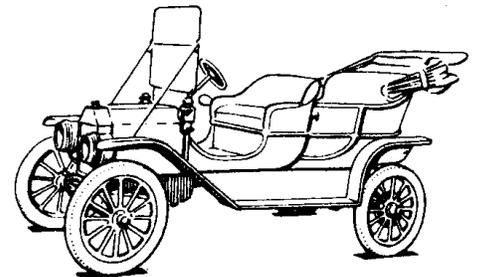
Nate and Junette



Suzanne and Bobby

Seven (or so) New Year Resolutions for Mother Lode Model T Ford Club Members

Many of us take this time to reflect on the past and make a few commitments or at least a few wishes for the coming year. Beyond that reoccurring goal of losing a few pounds, getting in a bit more exercise, or perhaps putting a little more savings in the piggy bank for a rainy day, let's not forget that old car hobby of ours and what joy it brings ... at least most of the time! And time is what it's all about my friends and how to make a great pastime even better. Here are some resolution suggestions that you might want to consider making you're your own ... or perhaps your spouse's, kid's or even your parent's... with their approval, of course.



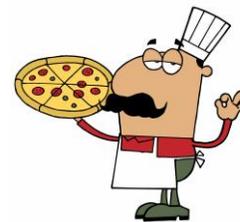
1. **Keep the garage or workshop better organized this year** – Come on now, face it. Most of us could benefit by being able to access the right tool at the right time at the right place. There are many suggestions that are helpful, like applying the “80/20 rule” – You probably use only 20% of your tools 80% of the time. Keep those 20% tools extra clean, organized and ready to go and the rest (the 80%) somewhere out of the way, but remember where you put them just in case you need them!
2. **Get the car ready for tour before the tour** – Nothing like thinking that *Old Henry* is ready for the ride only to discover that the battery is dead, bands are slipping, and the needle valve in the carburetor is a stuck victim of our lovely modern ethanol gasolines. It's always a good idea to do a thorough inspection and test run at least a week in advance of a tour. That should give you a reasonable amount of time to track down any necessary parts and get *Henry* feeling up to the task at hand.

3. **Carry really useful tools in the car** – It’s amazing to see what we actually take with the car and what we somehow seem to forget when out on tour. As mentioned, just as in the garage/workshop, certain tools are really important and others are just nice-to-have. Do you have that band adjustment tool close at hand? Make sure to review the detailed list of suggested tools and supplies listed on the club’s web site under our Safe Touring Guide. A few years ago while on tour, we were all surprised when one of the cars desperately needed air and no one was carrying a tire pump and few gas stations were able to help out. P.S. Did Santa bring John a tire pump for Christmas? (LOL)
4. **Drive that Model T more this year** – Since you are a member of this club, you already know what a great activity driving that T (A, or other old car) and touring with family and friends can be. In a recent article from Hemmings Classic Car magazine titled “Senseless Stashing” Richard Lentinello makes a great case for driving those old cars more often, not only because it is better for the car, but it’s better for you too! He questions those who treat their cars as irreplaceable ultra-rare artifacts that are never driven by saying “The next owner may very well drive the treads off your car’s tires the first day he gets behind the wheel, so why save that experience for him to enjoy when you can enjoy it instead?” Good point – Life is way too short!
5. **Teach a friend or family member how to drive the car** – Building on resolution #4, how about sharing the driving experience with others? It takes opportunity and practice to learn most anything and while operating a Model T can be a bit challenging at first it definitely isn’t rocket science and many feel that it is considerably easier than learning a conventional stick-shift and clutch. There are a number of videos and resources available on-line and impromptu lessons are being encouraged at Lewie’s Safety Day, so who’s the next driver of the T? Come on now, it’s great fun!
6. **Get more involved with the Mother Lode Model T Ford Cub** - Making it to as many of the monthly club meetings as possible is a great start. We’ve had very good attendance this past year and as John regularly mentions, there are many opportunities to help out. Let’s keep those creative juices flowing this year with new ideas for tours and other activities. And an extra helping hand is always needed for our traditional events. While the board members have been determined for this year, consider volunteering for next year. How about an article or new feature for the newsletter? Another area that would be great to expand is community outreach. How can we better share the history and enjoyment of our old cars with others? Some ideas include car displays and presentations, and visits to schools, care homes, and other clubs and organizations.
7. **And finally, eat more sensibly at club related activities** – Uh? ... Now just a gosh-darn minute here! Have you ever noticed that this club’s heart and soul seems not only to reflect old cars, but the quest for good food as well? We’ve got a President’s Pizza Feed and the monthly meeting coming up real soon, the LOL’s are out to lunch once again. Then there is the ultimate food fest... the Crab Feed, a free lunch for those participating in the American Heritage Days event. Then our annual Charter Celebration (and food bash), the start of tour season complete with customary (and delicious) donuts, and let’s not forget our swap meet...think tri-tip bbq and pie! And you know that there are other great tours and other activities on the horizon that involve lots of amazing things to eat and share the experience with a great group of family and friends. Perhaps we should count our blessings and be satisfied with achieving progress on six of the seven resolutions this year and be done with it! Progress not perfection rules! Best wishes for an awesome 2016! (EL)



Pizza Feed – Saturday, January 12th

Saturday, January 12, 2015, Come on out and bring your appetite to our annual President's Pizza Feed. The club provides the pizza, you come, eat, socialize and help kick off the New Year. Mountain Mike's Pizza, 2520 Bell Rd. Corner of Hwy 49 and Bell Rd. 1 pm.



LOL Gathering for January

This month's LOL (Ladies out to Lunch) is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19th at Happy Wok Restaurant at 11:30 AM, located at the Elm Shopping Center near McCaulou's Department Store, 352 Elm Avenue Auburn CA 95603. Mary Lynn Barrett is hosting the event and can be reached at 530-885-1069.

American Heritage Days – President's Day, Monday February 15th

Our club has in the past years participated in the American Heritage Days at Mt. Vernon Memorial Park and Cemetery in Fair Oaks. This event is held on President's Day, Monday, February 15. This year they have changed to an invitation only event. Letters were sent out to some of last year's participants with a registration form. If you received the invitation and want to participate, fill it out and send in. If you did not get a letter, you can request to participate by calling Ruthie Demakas, 916-969-1251. The event displays range from vintage cars, tractors, military displays, minute men marching groups, vintage battle field medicine, trains, vintage fire equipment and even a civil war cannon that they fire off a couple of times. A free lunch is provided to registered participants. (JS)



Other Old Car Activities - California Automobile Museum

There is a lot going on at CAM in Sacramento these days - Here are a few highlights. For more information go to <http://www.calautomuseum.org/>

The current special exhibit is Camping in Style: Little Homes on Wheels - Beautifully restored and original trailers are showing off how people camped and traveled in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s.

January 6th through May 15th – Docent Training for new tour guides to the museum.

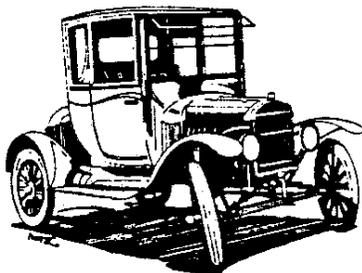
January 9th – Second Saturday Tour – The Restoration Dilemma – How Much is too Much

January 21st – Third Thursday Series – Collector Car Tune Up conducted by Milt Web

January 30th – Racing and Engineering for High School Students

Trading Post – Phil has some great parts available!

For Sale: 1913 Model T Frame with running board brackets, sandblasted and primed - \$275. 1916 engine/transmission assembly, complete with early low-style head, manifolds, correct carburetor, brass hub fan assembly, narrow-nose crankcase, etc. - \$650. 1924 Mostly complete unrestored chassis – Includes a rebuilt short-block with rebuilt magneto field coil – Transmission is apart and cleaned and ready for rebuilding – This is a rolling chassis - \$1,500. Call Phil Lawrence for more details at 530-559-1440.





Happy January Birthdays

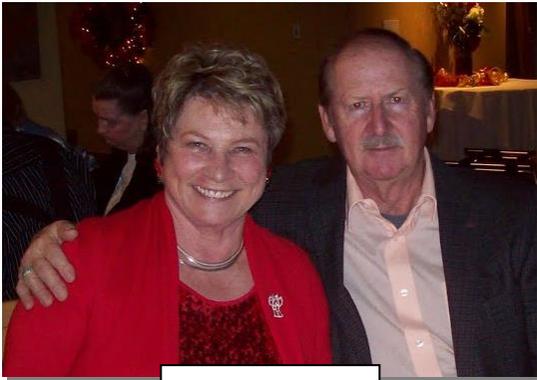
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Mark Porco	7
Rachel Finkbeiner	13
Lynne Lyndon	14
Naomi Edmonds	16
Barbara Ward	18
Mervin Hall	18
Gordon Goodell	21
Barbara Lawrence	22
Tom Huff	26

All the best to you!

Happy January Anniversaries

Mark & Barbara O'Connor	3
Lewie & Naomi Burcher	5
David & Patricia Pava	19

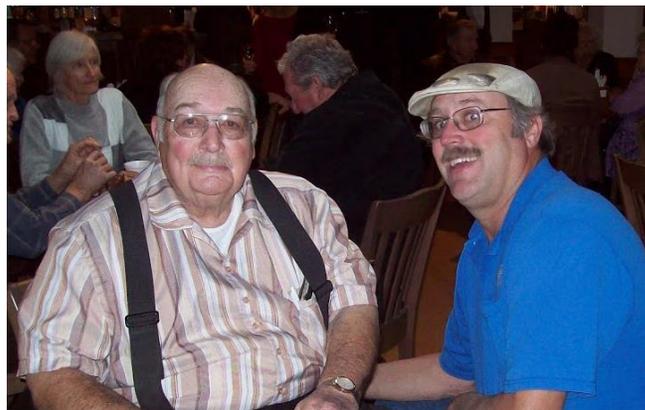
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Sherry and Ed



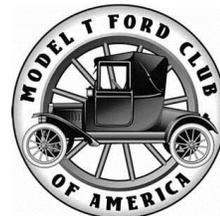
Suzie, Gary and Bobbie (Gary seen eating once again!)



Like father, like son... Roger and Erik B



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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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