



T Diggins'



Monthly Newsletter of the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club

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October 2016 – Fall Colors!



Presidents Ramblings

With fall comes some nice touring weather. Saturday, September 24th we enjoyed a day at the Rocklin History Museum. We learned a lot about the early days of Rocklin and Granite mining. Thanks Junette for the tour. The Fall Colors tour is just around the corner. This is our last tour of the year. Erik and Cindy always do a great job on this tour, so let's get those cars out and enjoy the touring the scenery and I am sure some good food. Next year looks to be another fun year of Model T'ing. Almost every month is already filled up with events and tours. Last month I asked for four volunteers for the board of

Directors. Directors serve a two year term, meeting about six times throughout the year to plan and keep our activities on track. Steve Short, our nominating committee chair, has contacted several of you. At this time we still have two positions open. So think about the great times we have had and will have next and future years and maybe reconsider and volunteer for a board position. *John Saylor*

2016 Activities

Oct 8 - Auburn Air Fair - Show your Car

Oct 10 - Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza, Auburn, 6pm.

Oct 13 - Monthly Meeting. Sizzler, 13570, Lincoln Way, Auburn. Dinner at 5:30-7 pm. Meeting starts at 7 pm.

Oct 18 - LOLs, (Ladies out to Lunch) 11:30 am. Rabino's Italian Restaurant, 5105 Pacific St, Rocklin. Hostess: Wanda Johnson, 530-637-4960.

Oct 29 - Fall Colors Tour - Meet at Raleys 8:30 am, leave 9:00 am. Lindtstedt's

Dec 11 - Christmas Banquet, Auburn Valley Country Club. - Eula Marriott

2017 Save the dates

January - Annual President's Pizza Feed

Feb 11 - Annual Crab Feed

March 4 - Charter Celebration, Auburn Valley Country Club

April 7-8 - The Big Bakersfield Swap Meet

April - Gil Machdo Memorial Shakedown Tour to Colusa

April 23 - HCCA Swap Meet. American River College

May - Tour hosted by Brad Lusk

June 4 - 41st 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 the Rocklin Museum Tour



LOL Gathering for October

This month's LOL (Ladies out to Lunch) is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th at Rabino's Italian restaurant, 5105 Pacific St, Rocklin at 11:30. Wanda Johnson is hosting the event and can be reached at (530) 637-4960.

2016 Fall Colors Tour – Saturday, October 29th



As the days become shorter and nights become longer and cooler, the magic of fall colors in the Sierra foothills will soon be upon us. Once again we will be headed to the Nevada City and Grass Valley areas in search of those deciduous tree hues of amber, reds and gold among a backdrop of pristine evergreens. Cindy and Erik Lindstedt are hosting the event and a sign-up sheet will be passed around at the October 13th regular monthly meeting. We are working out the final details for an awesome pizza lunch with salad and soft-drinks at The Northridge in Penn Valley. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to attend, please RSVP and give Cindy and Erik a call at 530-878-2491.

Movin' on up! – Model T's in The Wall Street Journal

These days, we most often read of Model T history and modern day antics in a wide variety of old car publications that cover a wide range of topics from Henry Ford's inventions and wisdom to everything technical and beyond. But in the Wednesday, August 17th, 2016 edition of The Wall Street Journal, the editors looked beyond the typical stories of Ferraris and Lamborghinis and featured an article in the Cars section about Wes Melo, a retired businessman and firefighter



from Roseberg, Oregon and his passion for old Model T fire engines. The article highlights Wes' 1919, 1925 and 1923 firetrucks and stories of their pasts. Wes says, "To me, these old engines are valuable pieces of history. Fire departments were just starting to use motorized vehicles instead of hand-drawn or horse-driven apparatuses. How many lives did these old engines save? Many I'm sure". So as the current politically charged debate rages on regarding Wall Street vs. Main Street, it seems that Wes and his good old Model T Ford have bridged the divide brought a little common sense and goodness to our world – At least for a few moments. Thanks to Al Stoll for the WWJ article tip! (EL)



Mother Lode Model T Club Meeting Minutes – September 8th, 2016

President John Saylor welcomed everyone and called the Meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

Club greeter, Junette Avey Brown reported that there were no new members or guests present this evening, but long time member Martin Smith was welcomed back after a lengthy absence.

Sunshine Report - Susie Krezman reported that three Cards were sent out this past month:

- Condolences were sent to Virginia Short (who lost her Mother Mary Grotta) and Stephen Short.
- Condolences was sent to the Duncan Family (who lost Cleona Duncan).
- Get Well Card was sent to Cliff Hyatt who took a fall (and broke seven ribs).

Secretary Report - Steve Short noted the minutes of the July meeting were printed in the newsletter and asked if there were any corrections or additions. John Saylor noted that he had picked up some corrections before they went to print. (Hearing no further changes requested, Steve declared that the general meeting minutes were accepted as printed). Steve then circulated various other newsletters and items of interest from other car clubs around to the members present.

Treasurer Report - Kitty reported that our treasury currently has a strong balance of \$11,872.85.

Vice Presidents Report - Susie provided a report on the upcoming event schedule as we wind down 2016, and begin to see the touring landscape for 2017:

- **September 24th** Junette is leading a short tour to the Rocklin History Museum. Leave Raley's at 9:30 am. Lunch will be at the park across the street. Bring a picnic lunch and folding chairs.
- **September 24th: The 2016 Folsom Railroad Club** will be presenting their annual **Rail Fest**.
T Club Members who show up with their car, will be given a prime Parking space as well as 2 tickets for a train ride.
- **September 24th: The FAST Hill Climb** will be occurring at the Auburn Airport. Come out to cheer our Club Racing Team if you have the chance as they only lost the day by a fraction of a second.
- **October 18th: LOLs, (Ladies out to Lunch) 11:30 am. Rabino's Italian Restaurant, 5105 Pacific St, Rocklin. Hostess: Wanda Johnson, 530 - 637-4960.**
- **October 13th: Monthly General Meeting.** Sizzler, 13570, Lincoln Way, Auburn. Dinner at 5:30-7 pm. Meeting starts at 7 pm.
- **October 29th: The Lindstedt "Fall Colors" Tour** is now set for this Date: Meet at

Raley's at 8:30AM, Depart at details will be forthcoming soon.

- **No Tour is scheduled for November.** Enjoy your turkey & trimmings with family and Friends!
- **December 11th: The Club Christmas Dinner** will be again held at the Auburn Country Club (Details TBD)
- **February 11th 2017 The club annual Crab Feed:** is a go at the Auburn Grange Hall. Logistics have not yet been completely worked out. (Details TBD).
- **March (The first Week): The Club annual Charter Dinner** is also a go and will be held at the Auburn Valley Country Club. (TBD).
- **April (Early in the Month): The Club Shakedown Tour** is a go for early in the month. It is likely to include the Sacramento club meeting us in Lincoln, driving the well-trodden road up thru Yuba City and ending for Lunch in Colusa, possibly at the Local Casino. (Details TBD).
- **June 4th: 41st annual Mother Lode Swap Meet. Gold Country Fairgrounds.**
- **Susie K.** reported that she is considering the possibility of organizing a midweek tour in the coming Year.

Other Activities

- **Tech Tips:** Erik Lindstedt described in great detail the need for you to install hardened valve seats when you have your next engine rebuild done (particularly the exhaust valves which have lately been found to deteriorate badly from the effects of Ethanol fuel if used in your T Car).
- **T-Diggins** - Erik Lindstedt again affirmed that he was not able to continue T-Diggins duties after the end of the year due to his ongoing business responsibilities. He would like to help with the transition to whomever agrees to take up the editorship.

Old Business

- We tentatively have new Chairperson and Team for the annual crab feed in February

2017. This will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

- We need two recruit four new members to the Board of Directors, because the following current Board Members will be stepping Down on December 31st:
 1. John Saylor, President
 2. Susie Krezman, Vice President
 3. Kitty Goodell, Treasurer
 4. Erik Lindstedt, Member (T- Diggins Editor)

New Business

- John Saylor presented some information on various insurance policies which generally do not cover towing your car trailer if it or your tow vehicle has a break down. Members should review their policies to see if they have the coverage that they might want to have in case of this type of an incident.
- Vern Marriott describe a 1926 T Coupe that he had brought to the meeting on a trailer which is for sale from the estate of a friend and prior member. Contact Vern for further information if interested.

Show and Tell:

- **Erik Lindstedt shared a Tour Map for the 22,000 Foot Challenge Tour** which Jack Duncan led in 1991 & 1998 (3 days spent touring the High Sierra). It was an awesome drawing with incredible detail and notes guiding the cars through the back roads.

50-50: Our popular Club Raffle was held, and the proceeds were split by Robert (Bobby) Weitzel, and Steve Short who each collected \$16.00 while the club pocketed \$34.00!

Motion to Adjourn: There being no other new business raised, a motion to close the meeting was offered by John Boorinakis, and seconded by Gary Krezman. John Saylor gavelled the Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Stephen Short, Club Secretary

Tech Tip – Clinchers and a bag of tricks

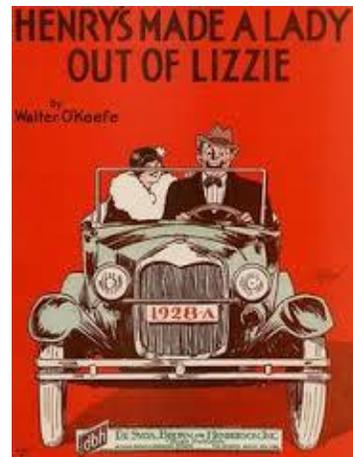
Let's face it – Mounting tires on a Model T or other antique or vintage car with clincher style tires and rims can often be frustrating and sometimes a knuckle-busting experience. There is a lot of good information and many opinions on the subject and much can be found on the Model T Ford Club of America and other old car web sites that extoll the virtues of time-tested techniques. One contemporary approach that you might just want to add to your bag of tricks is just that... a bag... a garbage bag. It seems that a large, yet very thin black plastic garbage bag just might save you some grief the next time you find yourself mounting a clincher tire. The process is pretty straight forward – After making sure your rim is clean and free from rust and sharp protrusions, slightly inflate and install the tube in the tire. Ideally, installing a tire flap also will help to ensure no tube pinches and long tube life (OK – there are some of us who just can't get over duct tape on rims, but we are admittedly taking chances!). Cut the plastic garbage bag and cover the wheel completely so that just one (very thin) layer is ready to go to work - The plastic is very slippery and helps facilitate the mounting process. With the tube and flap (hopefully) in the tire, poke the tube stem through the plastic and the rim hole and begin pushing both the inner and outer beads over the rim – Remember, you're starting at the stem positioned at the bottom of the rim and working up from there. If you are patient and perhaps lucky, you will find that the slippery bag allows you to mount the tire with little need for tire iron work getting the final sections over the rim. Of course you can use commercially available vegetable-based tire mounting lube or other such product, but the plastic bag technique is quick, easy, and much less messy. Realize that if the tires you are attempting to mount are a half-century or older, you're going to be in for more of a workout than described due to the stiffness of the old rubber, but still, the bag approach

may help. About the only negative to the bag technique is that you will most likely get some of the bag stuck under the tire and tube – not to worry as the super thin material will not have any negative impact, but you may find the picking out of the little pieces that remain near the outside of the rim rather tedious. Final key point: the thinnest and often cheapest large black plastic garbage bags work best – Thick ones work best for your garbage! Give the process a try – At least consider adding plastic garbage bags to your bag of tricks. (EL)



Trading Post

We wanted to let club members know our 1929 4 door is for sale. It does run, is mostly stock, has mohair upholstery, and is dark green, with white wall tires, Asking \$10,000 or best offer. Phone number (530) 637-4914. Thank You, Martin & Julie Smith



Happy October Birthdays

Olivia Marriott	5
Roger Barrett	6
Ken Marriott	6
Mindy Ingram	11
Harriette Work	12
Norma Hyatt	13
Warren Walters	13
Barbara Hall	16
Jack Jackson	22
Allen Koch	23
John DeVaney	27
Dorothy Webb	28



I can't believe how old you are!



Happy October Anniversaries

Gordon & Kitty Goodell	11
Robert & Suzanne Weitzel	11
John & Barbara DeVaney	26

Dreaming of the Fall Colors Tour...



In Loving Memory



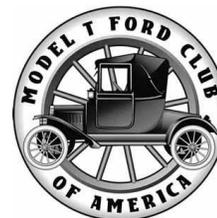
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Monday, May 18, 1925 - Monday, August 29, 2016





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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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