



# T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Mother Lode Model T Club

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**May 2017**

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## Activities at a Glance

- ◆ **May 8 - Board & Swap Meet Meeting- Round Table Pizza, Auburn 6 pm.**
- ◆ **May 11 - Thursday, Monthly Meeting. Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at 5:30 - 6 pm. Meeting will start at 7 pm.**
- ◆ **May 18 - LOL's (Ladies Out to Lunch). 11:30 AM, Auburn Elks, 1691 Pine St., Auburn. RSVP - Sherry Rodriguez, 530 888-8083**
- ◆ **May 21 - Poor Reds Tour, El Dorado Ca. by David Pava. Meet at Raley's 8:30 am. Must RSVP by May 18**
- ◆ **June 3 - Mother Lode Swap Meet setup. 5 pm Member potluck at the food tent.**
- ◆ **June 4 - Mother Lode Swap Meet. Gold Country Fairgrounds.**
- ◆ **July 4 - Dutch Flat Parade and picnic at Little Bear Tree Farm in Alta.**
- ◆ **July 27-30 - NORCAL HCCA Ryan Ramble Tour. See details on our website.**
- ◆ **Aug 12 - Beat the Heat - Breakfast Tour.**

## **President's Message**

Greetings to the Mother Lode model T club. May is upon us and our first tour of the season is already past, and a great one it was. Thank you Susie for putting this tour together. We had a great turnout and the weather was good. There were some cars not seen before and it was great to meet the folks from the Sacramento club. A long tour over some roads we haven't driven in my memory. I have heard of no major breakdowns so the coveted trouble trophy will not change hands, but there will be another opportunity this month with the Poor Red's tour. We will get to see some more new stuff on this one, too. Looks like fun and the lunch spot is memorable.

We will have one more meeting before our June swap meet. There will be some changes this year to better comply with Fairgrounds rules while keeping our major fundraising event workable. Gary Krezman runs this show and has done it well for many years. He needs our help. Please contact him or see him at the meeting to find out what you can do, there are many things to be done to make it happen. I am looking forward to the many good events on our schedule. Our club will have a few members on the national tour this year as well. Have a safe and fun touring season.

*Fordially, Erik*

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## May Tour to Poor Red's, El Dorado, Sunday, May 21



We will meet at Raley's, 8:30 am. Brad and Annette Lusk will lead us to Cameron Park where we will meet up with the Sacramento Valley Model T Club, The Nor-Cal & Bay Area Horseless Carriage Clubs. We will leave Cameron Park at 10:15 am. David and Pat Pava will lead us on a back road tour to the former gold rush town of El Dorado. We will have lunch at Poor Red's BBQ, home of the Golden Cadillac Cocktail. It's very important that you RSVP to David. We will have separate checks and dedicated seating for those that have signed up. **If you arrive without an RSVP you will be the last to be seated and only on a space available basis.**

Please RSVP by May 18, to David or Patricia Pava  
530—677-2923 or [David@Pava.com](mailto:David@Pava.com)

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### New Member

Please welcome Steve Halverson to our club. Steve lives in Grass Valley and has a 26 Coupe and a 26 Speedster. Hope to see you on a tour soon.

Please add Steve to your rosters  
**Steve Halverson**  
13947 Toby Trail  
Grass Valley, Ca 95945  
530-274-7971  
[vrsgvc@gmail.com](mailto:vrsgvc@gmail.com)

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### 2017 Rosters

The 2017 rosters are here. I passed some out at the April meeting and will have them available at the May meeting.  
-John

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## NINTH ANNUAL GIL MACHADO SHAKEDOWN TOUR APRIL 22, 2017 TO COLUSA CASINO

Starting out at the sop (same old place) at Raley's in Auburn, we traveled back roads to McBean Park in Lincoln to meet up with some of our members that live down the hill and a group from the Sacramento Model T Club. There at the park we had *Gary's donut stop* hosted by the Mother Lode Model T Club. The donut stop was headed up by Mindy and Bruce Ingram, Gil's granddaughter and grandson in law.



From there 21 cars, a couple of moderns and 57 people headed up to Yuba City. Traveling thru Marysville proved interesting, not only is that a congested traffic area, the firemen were having a 'fill the boot' fundraiser that was two blocks long!

At the mall in Yuba City, we met up, regrouped, made some adjustments to our cars and headed to Colusa Casino via Butte House Road.

The day was a cool overcast day that turned sunny. The scenery along the base of the buttes was so beautiful, so green. It was just a perfect day for driving model T's.

We had a lot of positive feedback on the road from Yuba City to Colusa. I have to give Pat Bashore credit for giving me a heads up on a great road for us to travel and enjoy.

A big thank you to our trouble truck drivers, Vern & Eula Marriott, Mother Lode Club, and Marv & Debbie Alexander from the Sacramento Club for volunteering. Thank goodness we did not need them. Gary and I almost made the trouble truck, but we had Wayne Lyndon on our side and he helped us plug along, thanks Wayne. We were having carburetor issues, which landed up being a plugged gas line from solder which came from the gas tank. So for now the trouble trophy is still living happily at Gordon Goodell's home.

All together we traveled about 140 + miles, a long day which for many of us ended at 6 pm. We hope everyone had a good time, looking forward to a successful touring season.

Gary and Susie Krezman, tour leaders.

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## Association of California Car Clubs Conference, April 26-27

Gary Krezman and myself attended the Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC) legislative conference at the CAM, April 26 & 27. Our first speaker, Delta Pick-Mello, Director of the CAM, gave us an update on what is happening at the museum and the *Fix the Roof* campaign. We heard from several legislators who are car hobby friendly, the CHP Assistant Chief and the DMV. We had a presentation by the Marysville Hot Rod Academy. This is a charter high school with a full auto and welding shop. They are having a huge success preparing students to entering the auto repair, body repair welding and soon upholstery fields. Four students told of their success and plans for the future.

The DMV talked about non-op as it applies to our classic cars. Vehicle code 4604,d,3 exempts cars 25 years and older from the planned no-op.

The most talked about item on the agenda was the recently signed into law SB-1. SB-1 increases gas and diesel taxes and car registration fees to raise money to repair highways and roads. Most of us have read the recent news articles on it. This law will significantly increase the cost of owning and driving our cars, both family cars as well as our vintage cars. It also includes funds for Parks, off highway vehicles, boating, and agriculture programs. There is funding for freeway service patrols, transportation research, local planning grants and public transit. More than just fixing roads! Here is what we know:

**Gas tax** -The base excise tax is now 18 cents a gallon. November 1 that will increase to 30 cents per gallon. **Diesel tax** - The base excise tax is 16 cents a gallon. That will increase to 36 cents per gallon and the 1.75 percent diesel fuel sales tax will increase to 5.75 percent. Registration cost will go up significantly, from \$25 to \$175 for the more valuable cars. Besides the increased costs to register our cars, the cost of goods and services will be passed on to us also.

This bill was pushed through with many side deals to encourage those still deciding to change their vote to yes. The new law provides funds for much more than just fix roads: Parks, boating programs, public transit, freeway service patrols, and agriculture programs are a few. So...How do we fight this? Senator Ted Gaines is putting together a referendum to have the voters of California vote to repeal it on the November ballot and write a new referendum that mandates the voters must approve the new tax. There will have to be a huge petition drive and at the present there is not funding to pay for petitioners. The thought was that we, yes we, car club people could volunteer to circulate petitions amongst our fellow club members neighbors and even stand in front of stores asking for signatures. I believe the number was some 100,000 signatures will be needed to get it on the November ballot so that we can vote it down.

*John Saylor*

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## SWAP MEET



It is swap meet season. Our swap meet will be here before you know it! The Mother Lode Model T Club Swap Meet is one of the few remaining club run swap meets in Northern California. We are well known throughout the region for the place for find and sell vintage cars and parts.

As Erik noted in his message above, to continue to make our swap meet a success we need everyone to pitch in and help. We need help setting up the field and food booth on Saturday, June 3. We will need your help Sunday, June 4. We will need people to man the gates and check in vendors and buyers, and persons to direct vendors to their spaces.

The food booth will need help selling the food, cashiering, assembling burgers and dogs and at the barbeque. Sunday afternoon we will need help taking it all down and cleaning up. We are known for our homemade pies, so donations of your fruit pies are needed. So, come to the meeting Thursday, May 11 and sign up for a time slot or two. If you can't make the meeting, please call Gary Krezman to sign up for the field (530) 823-7957 or Julie Instness to sign up for the food booth (916) 726-5388. There will be a club member potluck Saturday evening, 5pm at the fairgrounds in the food booth tents.





## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### May Anniversaries

Martin & Julie Smith	1
Topher & Kelly Matson	2
Richard & Bertie Baughman	9
Arnold & Barbara Ward	18

### May Birthdays

Lewie Burcher	1	Pat Bashore	14
Milt Webb	1	Bertie Baughman	16
Kendall Porco	3	Bob McCoy	20
Levi Marriott	5	Ben Lindstedt	31
Les Silveira	8	Bertie Baughman	16



## Help us replace our leaky roof!

The California Automobile Museum needs your help to replace our leaky and woefully outdated roof.

Rain penetrates our aging roof and forces docents and staff to get out buckets and mop, re-position and cover cars and make emergency patches. As Sacramento experiences more and more rainfall, we are reminded with how important our "Raise The Roof!" campaign really is. ***We cannot reach the museum's full potential until we fix this leaky roof.***

We need \$750,000 to replace the roof. The good news is, we are nearly there! The board, staff, docents, and museum community have made incredible progress over the last year toward this goal. **We are only \$30,000 away.** We need your help to get this campaign over the finish line so we can begin repair work this summer. You can send a check for any amount to the CAM at 2200 front street, Sacramento, California, 95818, marked "Fix the Roof" or make an online donation at:

[http://raisetherooftcam.causevox.com/Raise the Roof](http://raisetherooftcam.causevox.com/Raise%20the%20Roof)



*Vintage Fire Truck display at the CAM*

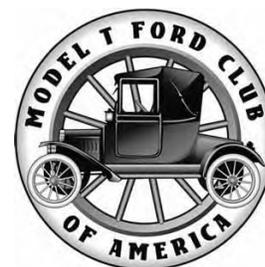
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## 2017 Officers

President ----- Erik Barrett - 530-885-8683  
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Publication copy should be sent to the editor by the 25th of the month to be included in the next issue. Send all copy to: 7304 Goldwood Way, Citrus Heights, Ca 95610 or email to [j99saylor@gmail.com](mailto:j99saylor@gmail.com)

## 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 membership information and application. The website also introduces those new to the hobby to the club.

The *Mother Lode Model T Club* was organized 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 at 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:

The Model T Ford Club of America  
P.O. Box 126  
Centerville, In 47330-0126  
Telephone: (765) 855-5248  
[www.mtfca.com](http://www.mtfca.com) email: [admin@mtfca.com](mailto:admin@mtfca.com)



42nd ANNUAL  
**MOTHER LODGE  
SWAP MEET**  
**Sunday**

**June 4, 2017**

**Gold Country Fairgrounds  
Auburn, Calif.**

Gates Open 5 AM - All Spaces 15x25 - \$25.00

Vintage & Classic Cars, Parts and Memorabilia.

Vendor setup available after 4 pm Saturday, June 3.

**All spaces first come basis. No Space reservation.**

**All vendors must vacate by 3 pm Sunday, June 4.**

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Alcoholic beverages, Firearms, Open fires & Vendor food sales are not allowed.

Club run food booth with homemade pies.

**Contacts:**

**Gary (530)823-7957, or John (916)202-5842.**

**More info- <http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>**



Directions: I 80 Eastbound, exit Maple St., follow signs to fairgrounds. I 80 Westbound, exit Nevada St., cross over freeway & follow signs. Enter at 200 Fairgate Rd. from Auburn Folsom Rd. On the Ball Field.