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Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club

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October 2017

Activities at a Glance

- ◆ **Oct 12 - Monthly Meeting at the Sizzler, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Dinner at 5:30-7 pm. Meeting starts at 7 pm.**
- ◆ **Oct 14 - Tour Forest Hill via Yankee Jim's Road -Leaders, Barrett - Weitzel. Sign up at the meeting. See details this issue.**
- ◆ **Oct 17 - Tuesday, LOL, (Ladies Out to Lunch) Rubino's Italian Restaurant, 5015 Pacific St., Rocklin. Hostess: Wanda Johnson, 530 637-4960 All ladies in the club are welcome.**
- ◆ **Dec 10 - Christmas party at Auburn Valley Country Club - Eula Marriott.**

2018 Save the dates

- ◆ **April 13-14, 2018, Bakersfield Swap Meet.**
- ◆ **June 3, 2018 - Save the Date. Our annual Mother Lode Swap Meet.**

Fall Colors 2012



Message from our President

Greetings once again to the members of the Mother Lode model T club. Fall is definitely here. Last night I put a jacket on for the first time working out in the shop. Speaking of Fall, it's almost time for our last tour of the season on Oct. 14. Plans are coming together well. The Foresthill Divide museum will be open and there will be staff there to show us around. I'm told the blacksmith will have the forge fired up. We will have lunch at the Chinese place or you can also go the the cafe for a sandwich. We will be driving Yankee Jim's road which is dirt for nine miles, but in good condition. Model A's or modern iron are certainly welcome and capable of the trip. Email me if you are coming but are not at meetings to sign up.

The Saylor's tour to Uncle Tom's was a great one by all accounts. We cooked up a peach cobbler on the manifold. Learned a bit, will tweak the recipe a bit next time, but still there was none of it left after lunch! Let's do this one again.

Be sure to put your cars away properly for the winter. Antifreeze or drain the coolant. Also, use Stabil or some gas preservative. I am seeing the new gas go bad very quickly.

See you on the road! *Fordially, Erik*

September 16 Tour and Manifold Cookout to Uncle Tom's Cabin

The day started off with donuts at Raley's. 14 T's including a couple of Model A's plus 1 modern and an old Jeep. We looked over every ones manifold cookers and talked about when to put the food on the manifolds. Some headed off to Raley's to buy deli sandwiches!.. After our leader, John Saylor, conducted a short drivers meeting, we headed out crossing the famous Forest Hill Bridge. (It was the second highest bridge in the world upon its opening in 1973, and still has the distinction of being the world's highest cantilever bridge.) We turned off and drove down to the American River and up out of the canyon to Cool. Here we regrouped and met up with Steve Elliot riding with Gary Murray in his Flat head street rod; Chris helped Mark adjust his bands. Bobby was correcting some fuel flow issues on his recently acquired Tudor. We left Cool and turned towards Georgetown. At Greenwood we headed down Sliger Mine Rd to Spanish Dry Diggins Rd touring past some beautiful vineyards. Arriving in Georgetown, we regrouped and some put food in their cookers. The locals enjoyed seeing our cars. We headed on stopping at Stumpy Meadows Lake where we took a group picture. Uncle Tom's was just a short 7 more miles down the



road. Once we arrived at Uncle Tom's the cookers were opened and food that was tied directly to the exhaust manifold was unwrapped. I think we all had a good lunch after which we all just relaxed and enjoyed the afternoon. Many of us took a short look inside the cabin to see all the dollar bills hanging from every conceivable space on the ceiling and walls.

The history here dates back to 1864. Heading back we stopped for a short break in Georgetown for some refreshing ice cream.

Thanks to all that came out. --*John Saylor*





Fall Colors Tour

As Erik noted in his President's message he and Bobby are hosting a tour to Forest Hill by way of the famous Yankee Jim's Road from Weimar. Meet at Raley's at 8:30, leave at 9 AM. Lunch will be at a popular Chinese restaurant in Forest Hill.

So, Who was Yankee Jim?

In 1850 a character that went by the name of "Yankee Jim," called himself a miner and discovered gold in the place that later took his name. According to historical records, Yankee Jim was, in reality, a bandit with a special interest in stealing horses. He built a corral for his stolen horses and placed it on top of the richest mine in the vicinity. He tried to keep his find a secret to no avail. People rushed into the Forest Hill area to work the rich mines. After miners discovered his thievery, Yankee Jim Robinson barely escaped lynching. He left Placer County and traveled to Southern California where he was recognized and hanged for his crimes.....

So, Who was Yankee Jim? (cont'd)

The town of Yankee Jim's was one of the largest mining centers in Placer County during the 1850s. A town with as many as 5,000 people was the site of California's first hydraulic mining operation and the rich Jenny Lind Canyon mine, Yankee Jim was thought to be the site of the first ditch ever cut in the state to transport water to a cannon to wash the gold. Colonel McClure introduced hydraulic mining to Placer County in 1851, using the ditch already built. McClure also established the eastern county's first orchard in 1852. The town then became recognized as a source for its high quality fruit. The town post office operated from 1852 until 1940. As other nearby communities sprung up, Yankee Jim's faded away.

Fall is Here



2018 Board Nominations

The year is almost over and that means it time to nominate four new board members for 2018-2019. The board of directors consists of 8 members who serve a two year term. We elect four new members each year. The success of our club depends on members who serve and help run the club and plan its activities. Please think about what you can do for the club and volunteer to run for a position. The board meets several times a year, have pizza and discuss and coordinate the upcoming activities. It's not hard, kind of fun and gives you an insight into the operation of the club. So, if you are asked to serve, say yes I can.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



October Anniversaries

Gordon & Kitty Goodell	11
Robert & Suzanne Weitzel	11

October Birthdays

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



Mother Lode Model T Club Meeting Minutes Sept. 14th at Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, Ca.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Erik Barrett. Erik thanked Les & Sandy Silveira for hosting the popular Club Ice Cream Social at their home. The Members delivered a cheerful applause!

Greeter Report - Junette reported that no new members were present this evening, but that Adam Vargas from the California Auto Museum was here to make a presentation on their "Adopt a Car" Program.

Sunshine - Susie reported that no cards were sent out this past month. Vern Marriott told the story of how he got hit on the head by a concrete block while stacking hay on his trailer earlier in the day. Amazingly, he was still in attendance at tonight's meeting...what a trooper!

Treasurer Report - Sherry provided a brief summary report on the Club's Income and Expenses for the period of August 17th through September 14th. The Club remains in a very strong financial position.

Secretary Report - Steve Short reported that the August 10th General Meeting minutes were published in the Monthly newsletter. Hearing no corrections, Steve declared the Minutes accepted as written.

(Meeting minutes, Cont'd)

California Automobile Museum (CAM) special presentation - Erik Barrett introduced Adam Vargas, Program Director for CAM to deliver a presentation of their historic Car Sponsorship Program to our Club.

Thanks to the generous contributions to CAM (including our own) the long awaited roofing Project was under way, and would hopefully be complete prior to the coming raining season. The Museum presently has 150 historic vehicles (50 owned by the CAM, and the other 100 on loan. Maintenance and restoration of the CAM owned vehicles is an ongoing activity. Their Adoption Program is available at the \$100 to \$250 to \$500 per year to help support their work. There is currently a 1914 Model T needing adoption, and after considerable discussion, John Saylor proposed a motion to support this car with a \$500. Commitment. The Motion was seconded by Sherry Rodriguez, and was passed unanimously by a voice vote from the Membership.

VP - Upcoming 2017 Activities Report -

Sept. 23rd F.A.S.T Hill Climb - Auburn Airport.

October 14th - The Fall Colors Tour has been saved by Erik Barrett and Robert Weitzel who will be leading a tour on the **Yankee Jim Road** starting at Raley's at 8:30, and departing for Weimer at 9:00 AM. The tour is a run of about 46 miles each way, and includes a very challenging unpaved road from Weimer to Forrest Hill. Drivers must use extra caution as the road is quite narrow in places, and he recommended that the cars space themselves out to minimize the dust clouds. There are several restaurants in Forest Hill, and Erik is attempting to arrange a local Museum tour if possible. The return drive will be following the Forest Hill Road back to Auburn, and the tour will hopefully see some good fall colors along the way!

Dec 10th Christmas Party - Auburn Valley Country Club. Host Eula Marriott. (Details TBD).

VP - Upcoming 2018 Activities Report -

Apr 13-14 - Bakersfield Swap Meet

June 2-3 - 44th Annual Mother Lode Swap Meet, Gold Country Fair Grounds, Auburn, CA

New Business -

The Club's **Community Services Obligations** was discussed regarding the need to expand our commitments with the following possibilities:

1. An annual Financial Support Grant to the California Auto Museum (CAM).
2. An annual Financial Support Grant to the ACCC Lobbying organization on behalf of California Car Clubs. John Saylor also encouraged our Members to help by becoming a personal supporting member of ACCC.
3. Investigate the possibility of Scholarships for young students with a high interest in historic vehicles. Gary Krezman will approach Placer County Schools that offer Auto Shop Classes.

Club Auction - None was held this evening.

Stories - None were presented this evening.

50-50 Raffle - Sherry Rodriguez and Al Gillming each won \$14.00, and the Club claimed \$28.00.

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM, by President Barrett.

Stephen Short: Club Secretary



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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 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 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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Stumpy Meadows, September 2017