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Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club
Celebrating 56 Years of Model T Fun
<https://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

November 2025

Presidents Message

Happy November all!

It's the start of the holiday season and I don't know about you, but it has rolled around way too quickly for me. The fall colors are so beautiful and the cooler weather is most welcomed.

I hear rave reviews about the Fall Colors Tour to Dutch Flat. Unfortunately, I couldn't attend, but from the comments I've heard and the pictures I've seen, a good time was had by all. What a beautiful day for the Fall Tour. Apparently, everyone really enjoyed their meals, as I've also heard comments about the great food. Our thanks to Susie for planning such an enjoyable tour.

My thanks to Gary for heading up the October General Meeting. I appreciate his stepping in at the last minute. Included in this newsletter is the flyer for our Christmas Lunch to be held at The Ridge on December 14th. We are in a different Ridge Room this year. Additionally, we're asking everyone to bring an unwrapped gift for the CHIPS for Kids Toy Drive that will be taking place that same day. I will need your money and reservations back by November 25th. See the separate article in this newsletter for more information.

Our next Board Meeting is on November 11th and our next General Meeting is on November 13th. Please remember your Show and Tell items. As usual, thanks for your continuing support of our club and our Board. It's greatly appreciated.
Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Paula Mikles



Up Coming Events – 2025



MTFCA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

2026 MTFCA National Regional Tours.
Save the dates.

New York, June 22 – 26

Missouri, September 9 - 12

See more info in The Vintage Ford Magazine.

MTFCA Dues

Don't forget to renew your National MTFCA Dues. You should have received a notice in your most recent Vintage Ford Magazine. Also vote for MTFCA Directors. See their bio in the latest Vintage Ford.



Our local charter and insurance depend on having a minimum of 50% of our members also be members of the MTFCA. There are many good stories and tech tips in every issue.

Dues-Dues It's Dues Time!

Local Club Events - 2025

◆ Nov 11 - Board meeting Mt. Mikes Pizza, Auburn. 5:30 Eat, 6:30 Meeting.

◆ Nov 13 – Monthly Meeting. Black Bear. Diner, Auburn. 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.

◆ Dec 14 – Christmas Luncheon, The Ridge Golf Club. [Flyer](#)

2026

◆ Jan 17 – President's Pizza Feed.

◆ Mar 29 – Charter Brunch.

◆ May 30-31 – 51st Annual ML Swap Meet.



Nov 11 - Veterans Day

Birthdays and Anniversaries



November Anniversaries

Edward & Sherry Rodriguez	21
Jessica & Loren Keeney	28

November Birthdays

Sharon Stoll	1
Christian Finkbeiner	3
Gary Krezman	4
Robert Weitzel	5
Barbara O'Connor	9
Randy Johnson	10
Julie Barrett	18
Zach Boorinakis	20
Thomas Stewart	24
Stevie Furr	30



Dues-Dues It's Dues Time!

The year is coming to an end soon. It is time to renew your club dues for 2026. At the September membership meeting, members voted to increase the yearly dues to from \$20 to \$30 due to increased costs to run the club. Per our By-Laws, dues are due by December 31 each year and delinquent January 31. Please mail your check for \$30, along with any changes to your phone, address or email, to Mother Lode Model T Club, PO Box 4901, Auburn, CA. 95604. If you are paying with cash at the meeting, please have the exact amount.

Please do not delay. Time is needed after the first of the year to compile the roster and send to the MTFCA to recertify our chapter insurance and status.

Christmas Luncheon

I'm happy to invite you to our 2025 Christmas Lunch at The Ridge in Auburn on Sunday, December 14th. Social hour will be at 11:30a, with lunch beginning at 12:30pm.

This year will be a bit different, as we will be dining in a different room. An event called "Breakfast with Santa" will be taking place in our regular room. Evidently, that room will be decorated to look like Santa's Village. This event is also hosted by Chips for Kids and they will be having a toy drive that day. I am asking everyone attending our Christmas Lunch to please bring an unwrapped toy for the Chips for Kids Toy Drive. There will be barrels in which to place your unwrapped toy.

To get to our dining room, after you enter the main Ridge doors, you will go to your right and down the hall to our dining room in the main ballroom.

The Ridge management has waived our usual room rental fee because we were willing to change dining rooms. That's a plus for us and, personally, I think it will be fun to see all the additional Christmas festivities going on that day.



"All Aboard for the Ridge"

The Christmas Flyer is included in this Newsletter. I will need your reservation, meal selection(s) and money returned no later than Tuesday, November 25th.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas Lunch this year. It's always such a fun holiday event as we all get together to share great conversation, memories and food.

I hope you're able to attend!

Paula

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the engine of a class 'A' motor home when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his RV when the mechanic shouted across the garage "Hey doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motor home. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over and whispered to the mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running."

Fall Tour Report

On October 18th the Mother Lode Model T Club held their Annual Fall Color Tour. We had 8 Model T's, 2 Model A's and one Dodge,. We all met at the Raley's parking lot (SOP) and headed up to the Dutch Flat Hotel in Dutch Flat for lunch. We parked all the Model T's in front of the hotel and took pictures. The hotel is being lovingly brought back to its original glory by Leif and Wendy Lowery. We had lunch on the outside deck which faces the Dutch Flat Community Center. The day was perfect, the fall leaves were just at their peak, it was a wonderful fall day in the Sierra Foothills. It was nice to see Allen and Maryann Koch out with the, new to them, Model T Pickup named Henry. This pickup was owned by one of our long time Presidents, Lewie Burcher. We had 24 people in attendance. This was the last tour of the year.



Susie Krezman



**More Dutch Flat
Pictures**



Lunch on the Patio



**See more pictures on
our [website Photo
gallery.](#)**

Meeting Minutes

**Mother Lode Model-T Club
General Meeting Minutes
Black Bear Dinner, Auburn CA
October 9th, 2025**

**Call to Order: 6:30 pm
By Gary Krezman, Substituting for President Mikles**

Secretary: Junette reports no corrections to the Minutes of the September 11th, 2025. They are therefore approved as written.

Treasurer: Kitty on vacation. She reported that the Treasury is Solvent.

Vice President: Susie shared information about the tour to Dutch Flat. It will take place on Saturday October 18th. We will meet at Raley's at 9:15 am & leave at 9:45 am. We will be having lunch at the Dutch Flat Hotel. John S will take pictures of our Model-Ts in front of the. Susie suggested that we submitted it to the Vintage Ford Magazine in hopes it will be accepted to be on the cover.

Old Business: The Cemetery Tour. Sherry Rodriguez was the greeter for the event. She shared that there were over 900 people that attended & 13 old cars parked in front of the graves that were the focus of the event. Actors shared the stories of 14 pioneers who were residents of the Auburn area. The Marriott's BBQ was once again a delicious affair. It was attended by members of both the Auburn Model-A Club & the Mother Lode Model-T Club.

Gary shared that Don Ales the CEO of the Fair Grounds has resigned. The new CEO has not yet been appointed.

New Business: Sign up & information about the Christmas Luncheon will be in the next Newsletter. It will be held December 14th at the Ridge.

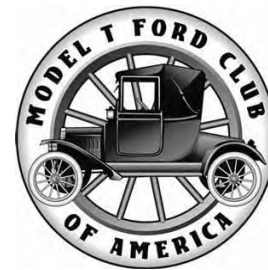
The Vintage Ford Magazine printed an article that John S. wrote about our "Beat the Heat Tour" along with a picture of the attendees enjoying a delicious brunch. Also, pictures of the car's members drove on the tour. November the 2nd is a fund raiser for the State Theater. Bill Finkbeiner would like to have a Model-T in front of each house during the tour. It would be between 10am & 4pm. A sign up was sent around, unfortunately of the members attending no one was available.

Show & Tell: John B. shared that he was at Ace Hardware & a guy backing out without looking & ran into his jeep. The guy got angry & started yelling at John that it was his fault. The Police came and fortunately Ace has great security cameras! Steve Straw shared information about the Fast Hill Climbs.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:05 pm
By Gary Krezman , Substituting for President Mikles
Respectfully: Junette Avey, Secretary**



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Mother Lode Model T Club Membership Application

Dues are \$30. / Year

New Renewal -- Renewals Due Dec 31

Name _____ B'day Mo ___ Day ___

Spouse _____ B'day Mo ___ Day ___

Anniversary Mo. ___ Day ___

Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Email _____

Email Spouse _____

Yr. & Body Style of your T _____

Running Licensed Insured

MTFCA Member - Member No. _____

The Model T Ford Club of America

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 are \$50.00 payable to:

The Model T Ford Club of America
310 North 8th Street, Richmond, In. 47375-3035
Telephone: (765) 373-3106.

See www.mtfca.com

COME JOIN US FOR THE
Mother Lode Model T Club Christmas Dinner 2025

Please bring an unwrapped gift for Chips For Kids Toy Drive

Date: SUNDAY - DECEMBER 14, 2025
Location: The Ridge Golf Club, 2020 Golf Course Rd, Auburn,
CA 95602. Different Room-Turn right after entering
the main Ridge doors
Time: No host SOCIAL HOUR 11:30AM, LUNCH 12:30PM

MENU:

1. Grilled Salmon with Citrus Cranberry Relish
2. Slow Roasted Pork Loin with Rosemary Balsamic Orange Pan Sauce

All meals served with seasonal starch, vegetable, dinner rolls, green salad and dessert. Coffee, hot/iced tea or lemonade will be provided.

Please return the bottom portion with meal choice and check made payable to: Mother Lode Model T Club, or MLMTC. All reservations and payments MUST be received by Tuesday, November 25.

Mail to: Paula Mikles
PO Box 125, Auburn, CA 95604
Any questions, please contact Paula at 916-215-2200 or
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NAME _____ Number attending _____

Salmon _____ \$35.00 Member Price _____ \$50.00 Guest Price

Pork Loin _____ \$35.00 Member Price _____ \$50.00 Guest Price