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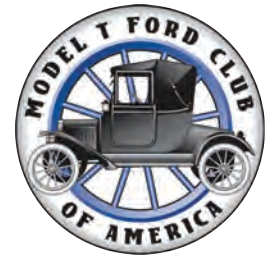
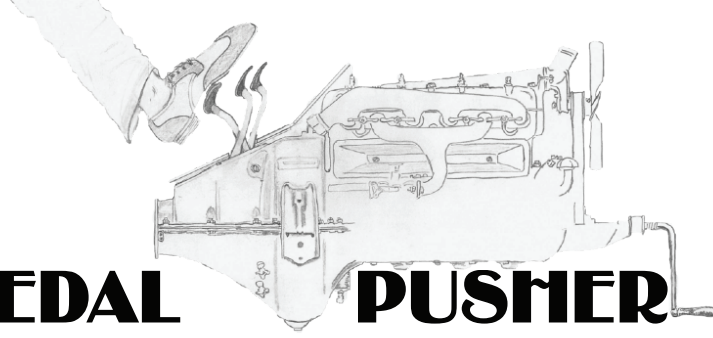
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are rushing through the year, it's already August. We've been getting progressively better turnout on Tours, and the Shop days remain pretty popular. I'm pretty happy that participation is picking up after the pandemic years. This month we have two tours. Mike has the Coast Taco tour planned and it should be a good warm up for the overnighiter. The T and A Tour is the weekend following Mike's tour. Between our schedule and the Model A Club schedule this is where we had to fit it in. I hope that we can have good participation in both these tours. Jeannine and I won't be at the August meeting because we are going on the Ryan Ramble in Bridgeport California. We've never toured there and will report how it goes. I also want to wish the Nelson family good luck at the Bonneville Salt Flats. Their son Russ will be trying to enter the 200mph club like his dad. If they don't blow up the car, fellow member Dani McEachern will try to qualify for her license. Good Luck.

*~Andy*

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The Pedal Pusher is a monthly publication of the Redwood Empire Model T Club (REMTC).

The club holds a general meeting on the first Thursday of each month in the meeting room of the Round Table Restaurant located on Marlow Rd. in Santa Rosa. Members and guests are welcome to attend.

**REMTC website:** [www.remtc.org](http://www.remtc.org)

Dues for an individual, or a household, are \$30 per year. Student memberships (no fee) include only the emailed REMTC newsletter.

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# **General Meeting Minutes**

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

**There was not a July meeting, as the first Thursday of the month fell on the 4th.**

# August Birthdays



SEBASTIAN AMBRA  
 JOHN AVAKIAN  
 MIKE CHIRHART  
 JEANNINE CLARY  
 STEVE DEPAOLI  
 DAVE HAASE  
 BILL HARM  
 DON JOHNSON  
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# 2024 General Meeting Desserts



Please bring enough dessert for forty people, and, if needed, plastic utensils and paper plates.  
 If you are unable to make it to the meeting, please contact a substitute.

JANUARY 4TH.....JEANNINE CLARY  
 FEBRUARY 1ST.....SANDY O'HALLORAN  
 MARCH 7TH.....DIANNA SHIMKOWSKI  
 APRIL 4TH.....JEAN CHIRHART  
 MAY 2ND.....TIM/TERESA MCCALLISTER  
 JUNE 6TH.....PAM JOHNSON  
~~JULY 4TH NO MEETING~~  
 AUGUST 1ST.....PATTY GIRMAN  
 SEPTEMBER 5TH...DAVE AND MICI RYBERG  
 OCTOBER 3RD.....CINDY VINING  
 NOVEMBER 7TH.....SEBASTIAN AMBRA  
 DECEMBER 5TH.....TO BE DETERMINED

Welcome to the club  
**Nolan Frost**

## Repairs & Restorations Get Well Soon!

TIPPI GROSSMAN IS ILL, AND HAS  
 BEEN SENT A CARD

### Would You Like to Submit an Article for the September Edition?

Please submit it to me by 8/28  
 if possible

Thanks from your editor, Cyrus



## August Anniversaries

DODGE & MAUREEN RIEDY  
 TIM & TERESA MCCALLISTER



# The Running Board

## August

### 17th - Coast Taco Tour

We will be meeting at the Washoe House at 9:30 AM for coffee and snacks.  
Leaving at 10:00 AM for a COOL ride to the coast and then we will work our way back to  
Guerneville for lunch at their famous Taco Truck.

This would make for a good shake down trip for those of you that are going on  
the overnight tour next month.

I have a trouble truck and trailer set up for this tour....I just need a driver.  
Call me at 707-545-5883 if you are available.

Mike & Jean

### 24th - T & A Tour

Hosted by the Model A Club

We will be meeting at the Raley's parking lot off of Guerneville Rd and Fulton Rd at 9:30 AM  
We will be leaving at 10 AM for a scenic drive north to the picnic area at Warm Springs Dam  
Please keep in mind that this is a bring-your-own-lunch event.

## September

### 11th-15th - Overnighter Tour

In Virginia City, Nevada, and surrounding areas  
See the July newsletter for further information.



# Sturgeon's Mill Tour 2024

Story and pictures by Jeanne Nelson

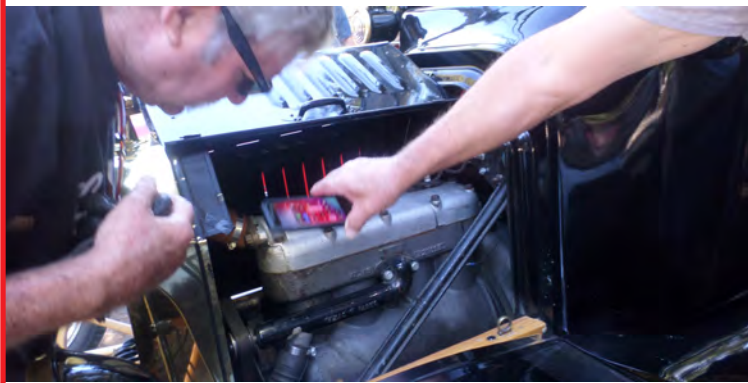
Seven cars met at the Washoe House for the lovely drive to Sturgeon's Mill. Even though most of us had been there before, we all were looking forward to the visit again.

Those attending were: Summerfields, Nelsons, Longs, Pat O'Halloran (with his pretend wife) Dave Ryberg, and Andy Clary.

The drive through the Redwoods is always a wonderful drive. When we got the Mill, they had a special place for us to park. We welcomed the shade!

Just as we got to the Mill, Pat O'Halloran's car had a problem. He managed to get it fixed in time to go home. The mill was working, and again we had a nice time watching them cut the wood and hearing the stories that go with it. They were serving hotdog lunches. (Can you guess what we all did?) The band was playing as they usually are when the mill is in operation.


After wandering around for a short time, we all decided it was getting too hot for the cars as well as us. Even with such a small group, those of us that took part in this tour would to thank Andy Clary for putting it together.



# 2024 Cooker Tour

Article by John & Patty Girman

Photos by Jeanne Nelson & Ted Shimkowski



On the morning of July 14, eight Model Ts showed up at the Washoe House to begin the REMTC Cooker Tour. The Model Ts were crewed by Larry & Robin Summerfield, Steve & Jeanne Nelson, Dave Ryberg, Steve Vining & Ted Shimkowski, Pat & Sandy O'Halloran, Chris Rich & Joan Henderson, and John & Patty Girman. Jimmy Long handled trouble truck duties. It was a beautiful day for touring (and cooking). Steve & Cindy Vining and Dave and Mici Ryberg had laid out a 37-mile tour and organized a picnic at Ragle Park in Sebastopol.

At first, the group toured through oak savannah with herds of dairy cows, pausing on the side of the road near Bodega Bay Oysters Co. for a “stirring stop” to keep the contents of the exhaust manifold cookers mounted on the engines from burning. The Union Hotel in Occidental was the site of a second stirring stop, where the group attracted the attention of many passers-by, who “oohed and ahhed” at the Model Ts and expressed surprise at seeing the contents of the cookers being stirred. The roads on the second half of the tour had more uphill sections thru tree-shaded roads as we headed toward Sebastopol and Ragle Park where Cindy and Mici had prepared the picnic tables. Tracy Long also joined us at Sebastopol. While we were putting out the food, we learned that Dave’s car stopped running just prior to getting to the park. Jimmy loaded Dave’s Model T onto the trouble truck and they joined us shortly. (We later learned that some dirt had collected in the fuel line at the right angle where it connects to the carburetor. Cleaning it out was an easy fix.)

Everyone settled down to eat at picnic tables in a shaded area of the park. We had sausage and sauerkraut from the Clarys; scalloped potatoes from the Vinings; chili from the Rich/Henderson; sausage and beans from the O'Hallorans; and kielbasa and beans from the Girmans, all served from the Model T cookers. (Technically, the chili didn't come from a Model T cooker because it was cooked in a slow cooker powered by a small generator in the bed of a TT—sounds a little modern to us). It looks like we're learning how to make the Model T cookers work. There was plenty of food for all. And the desserts----a separate picnic table was completely filled with desserts. No one went hungry.

Another fun tour for REMTC. Many thanks to the Vinings and the Rybergs for hosting it.





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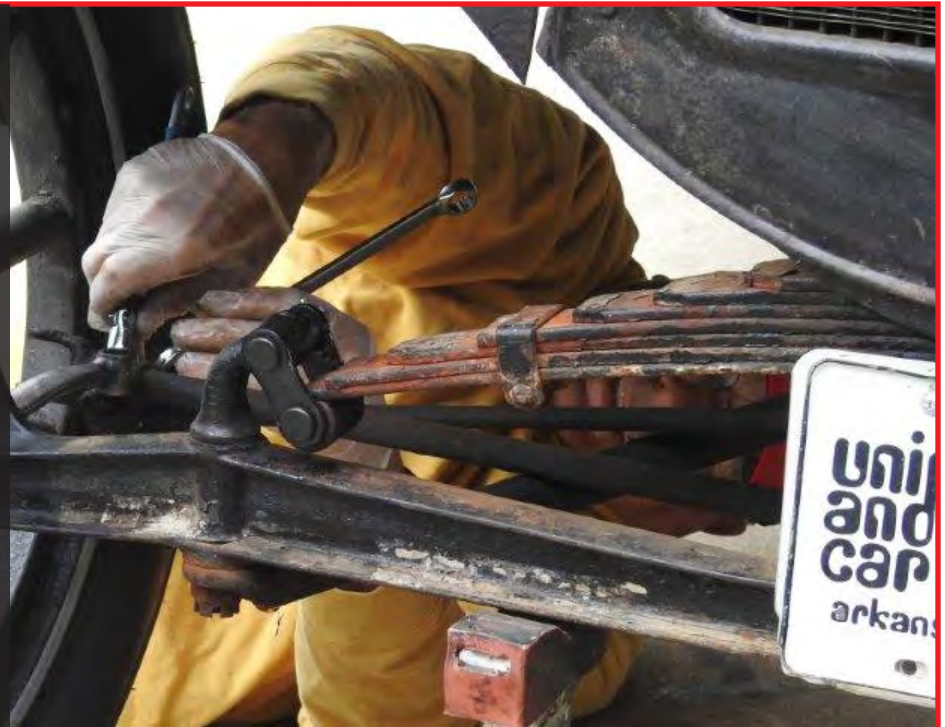
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# July 2024 Garage Day

Article & photos by Ted Shimkowski



Andy held another garage day, and today's lucky recipient was Dave Ryberg with his 1926 touring, which was in need of some serious TLC on the front end. Dave is systematically going through all the critical items to make this car safe for touring, and on the agenda was an inspection and rebuild of worn front end parts.

Thanks to Dave's "pit crew" who consisted of Andy, Chris Rich, Jimmy Long, and Dave himself, they took apart the entire front end, given virtually all of the components were badly worn. The rebuild consisted of replacing the 4:1 steering gears for 5:1 gears which involved replacing the entire steering shaft and head gears. Down the bottom, the drag link, tie rod ends, and pitman arm were all rebuilt with new replacement parts to tighten up everything that was severely worn.

Thanks to Chris's keen eye, he noticed the hub bolts on the driver's wheel were quite loose due to wood shrinkage over the years. The bolts were able to be snugged up again, but it does show where 100+ years takes its toll and eventually the wheels will need rebuilding.

The event was well attended with roughly 10 members coming to enjoy Jeannine's brownies and Chris's donuts. Dave seemed to be quite happy with the finished results and deemed the car very nice to drive again. Here's wishing Dave and Mici many years of safe touring.





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