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President's Message

March Madness is here. We had a busy February with a successful Shop Day at Jimmy's shop, followed by the Ladies Tea and a flash tour. By the time you read this, the Collector's Museum tour will be past, hopefully it went smooth. March is usually wet but hopefully we can get out on the road.

Shop Day at Andy's Garage Saturday, March 8 th , 9am.

The Pancake Breakfast/Safety Inspection is on tap for April 12 th . Save the date and watch for a flyer in the next newsletter.

I've been asked to mention the Santa Clara Valley Model T Club Lowland Tour. It is run alongside their Endurance Run. Check the calendar and flyer. Contact me if you have any questions.

Andy Clary

Editors Note: Due to file issues, the Lowland Tour flyer will be in the next newsletter. Stay tuned, thanks for your patience!

Board Members

President.....Andy Clary
Vice President.....Sebastion Ambra
Secretary.....Jeannine Clary
Treasurer.....Patty Girman
Past President.....John Girman

2025

Chairpersons

Historian.....Jeanne Nelson
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Newsletter Editor....Cyrus Estes
Roster.....Patty Girman
Scholarship.....John Girman
Sunshine Reporter...Dianna Shimkowski
Tours.....Dave Ryberg
Webmaster.....Steve Vining

Chapter Information & National Affiliation

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

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

Charter members after the age of 85 have an honorary membership.

REMTC is an official non-profit chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA).
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National dues are \$50 per year, and include a subscription to the Vintage Ford magazine.

On the 6th of February, 2025

-President-

Andy Clary called this meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

-Attendance-

28 members in attendance, including all board and chair members.

-Secretary's Report-

Jeannine Clary read the secretary's report, with approvals by Mike Chirhart & Dianna Shimkowski. Birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

-Treasurer's Report-

Patty Girman reported on our finances, with approvals by Dianna Shimkowski and Sebastian Ambra.

-Touring Report-

Dave Ryberg reported on our up-and-coming tours and events: shop day on the 15th, Ladies Tea on the 22nd, March 1st Collectors Museum event, Shop Day at Healdsburg High School (pending date), April & May car shows (pending dates), & June 11-13 club anniversary tours.

-Sunshine Report-

Dianna Shimkowski reported that Pete Rich is in the hospital and pending an operation.

-Scholarship Report-

John Girman and Andy Clary delivered a scholarship check to Petaluma High School and noted they had a well-run shop class. Petaluma will have a fund raiser car show in April with date forthcoming. We are waiting to hear from Healdsburg High School.

-Editor's Report-

Cyrus Estes reported that he received an updated membership roster.

-Membership Report-

Ted Shimkowski reported that we have a new member; John Tohill, who has a 1922 speedster. Welcome!

-Webmaster's Report-

Steve Vining reported that our website got hacked. All has been resolved, and we have a new editor.

-Historian's Report-

Jeanne Nelson reported that she brought the clubs 2024 album for members to look through, as well as an album from the mid 1990's. She will attempt to bring albums each month.

-Old Business-

Andy Clary reported that we had no old business to discuss.

-New Business-

Patty Girman reported that she sent the clubs old roster around the meeting room for members to update their information if necessary. Andy Clary mentioned that he will contact the National Club regarding information required for our club to handle.

-Model T Moments-

Steve Nelson reported on Model T Cotter Pins. He reported that there are 117 cotter pins on a Model T, 6 different sizes and he read a funny story regarding cotter pins written by Bob McKippen. Sebastian Ambra purchased an old tool that was made for Model T's. It was a multi wrench tool that he shared with the club.

-Desserts-

A dessert of heart shaped Valentine sugar cookies and lollipops was provided by Jean & Mike Chirhart.

-Meeting Adjourned-

7:45 pm

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



JOE KONVALINKA
STEVE NELSON
JOHN GIRMAN
MAX MEYER
GEORGE MERRILL
CINDY VINING
JAYNE JONES
DANI MCEACHERN

2025



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 2ND - - - - - JEANNINE CLARY
FEBRUARY 6TH - - - - - JEAN CHIRHART
MARCH 6TH - - - - - DIANNA SHIMKOWSKI
APRIL 2ND - - - - - CINDY VINING
MAY 1ST - - - - - CYRUS ESTES
JUNE 5TH - - - - - JAMES HARRIS
JULY 3RD - TIM & TERESA MCCALLISTER
AUGUST 7TH - - - - - CHRIS RICH
SEPTEMBER 4TH - - - SEBASTION AMBRA
OCTOBER 2ND - - - DAVE & MICI RYBERG
NOVEMBER 6TH - - - - - DONNA JONES
DECEMBER 4TH - - SANDY O'HALLORAN



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

DON & PAM JOHNSON
LARRY & ROBIN SUMMERFIELD
ROBERT & MELANIE TAYLOR
ROBERT & NANCY NOVAK

REPAIRS & RESTORATIONS

**PETE RICH WAS IN THE HOSPITAL,
AWAITING AN OPERATION**

WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

**JOHN & KARIN
TOTHILL**

THE RUNNING BOARD

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

MARCH 8TH

SHOP DAY AT ANDY'S GARAGE - STARTING AT 9 AM

APRIL 12TH

PANCAKE BREAKFAST/SAFETY INSPECTION

APRIL 26TH

**HEALDSBURG HIGH SCHOOL CAR SHOW
SEE INCLUDED FLYER FOR DETAILS**

MAY 2ND - 3RD

**BAKERSFIELD SWAP MEET
SEE INCLUDED FLYER FOR DETAILS**

MAY 31ST

**PETALUMA HIGH SCHOOL CAR SHOW
SEE INCLUDED FLYER FOR DETAILS**

JUNE 7TH - 8TH

**SCVMTC LOWLAND TOUR
STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

JUNE 11TH - 13TH

**35TH ANNIVERSARY OVERNIGHTER
STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

OCTOBER 16TH - 19TH

**THE LAST ROUNDUP TOUR
SEE JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS**

FEBRUARY GARAGE DAY

By Ted Shimkowski

The garage day for February was held at Jimmy Long's shop, and was well attended by 15 REMTC folks. As always, there were plenty of donuts to be enjoyed thanks to Jimmy and Chris Rich providing them for everyone.

The task for this garage day was installing a replacement gas tank in Jimmy's 1916 touring, which did not exactly go easy. For reasons not completely understood, the replacement tank was just a little bit different, preventing the tank from being positioned correctly. With the super human efforts of Steve Vining, Jimmy Long, Andy and Chris Rich, not to mention a little help from a big hammer, the tank was finally located and bolted in after nearly an hour of trial and error. At times, the tank installation looked like a Caltrans work site, with two people working and 7-8 people observing.

After installing the tank, it was decided that they needed to get the engine running, so the pit crew (Steve, Jimmy, Andy, & Chris) proceeded to make screwdrivers and wrenches fly by hooking up the carburetor and radiator. A few turns of the starter quickly got the motor running and it ran quite well. Much to everyone's surprise, the top radiator hose that did not have hose clamps (because none were available), did not leak any water! To finish up, Jimmy installed a nice brass motometer to top it all off with a job well done.



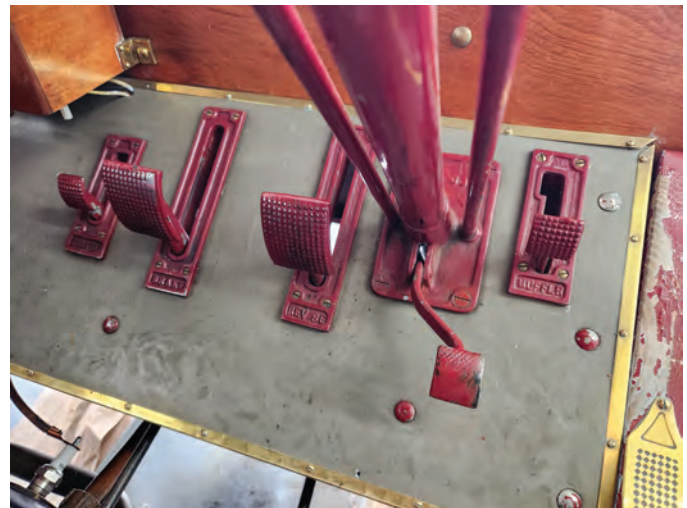
Garage Day at Vince O'Brien's

By John Girman



Vince O'Brien invited REMTC to a garage day on Feb 1st, when he and HCCA members would be working on a 1909 REO Touring. He had had the engine and transmission rebuilt in Seattle, but after it arrived at his place, it soon lost power and then wouldn't start.

It was drizzling as many REMTC members showed up for coffee and donuts, and to kibitz a bit as the REO was worked on. Among the REMTC members were Dan and Dani McEachern, Andy Clary, Mike Chirhart, Steve Nelson, Sebastian Ambra, Dave Ryberg, Jimmy Long, Dodge Riedy, Steve Vining and myself. The REO has a flat, transverse, two-cylinder, water-cooled engine. And if you think it takes a little bit of time to master the Model T's three pedals, the REO had five pedals.



While the REO was being worked on, members took advantage of the opportunity to check out Vince's collection of cars. We looked at his Stutz dual-cowl Phaeton, 1934 Ford Roadster, 1910 Model T, 1904 curved-dash Oldsmobile, 1957 Oldsmobile, 1950 Mercury Sport Sedan, Star Phaeton, and a 1911 Sears Motor Buggy.

They were able to get the REO running but it ran roughly, mostly on one cylinder. It appeared to still have an electrical problem, either in the adapters in the coil box or the ignition switch. Now that it is running, fixing the remaining problem will be possible. Those in attendance celebrated by eating pizza ordered in by Vince.

HEALDSBURG HIGH SCHOOL 9th ANNUAL CAR SHOW



**APRIL 26,
2025**



**GUESTS ARRIVE 10-2
SHOW CARS ARRIVE 8-10**

-HHS FRONT PARKING LOT-

-MUSIC - FOOD - DRINKS - RAFFLE-

-ENTRANCE COST-

PREPAY \$30

PAY AT THE DOOR \$35

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-REGISTRATION INFO-

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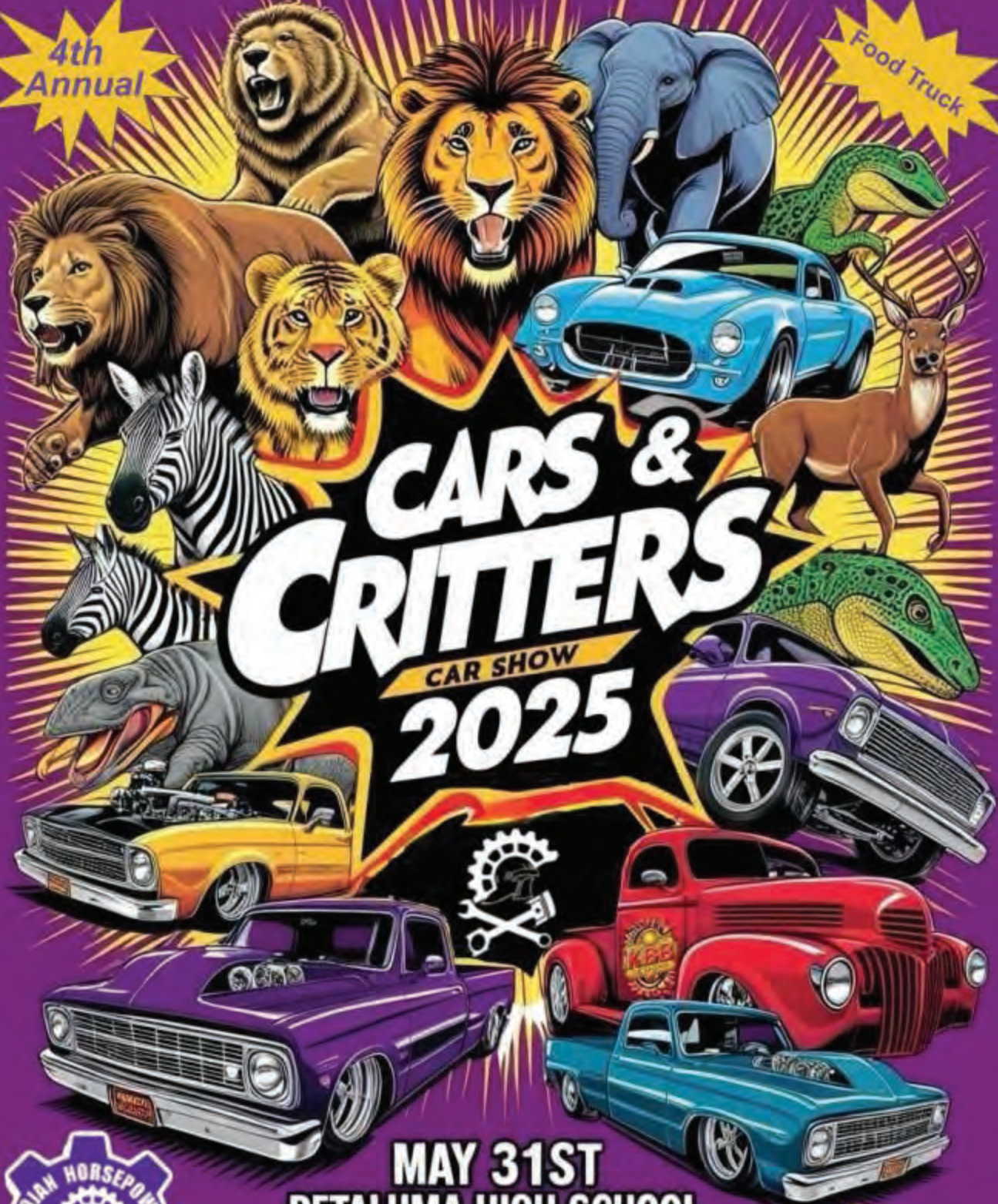
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