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	Sunshine	Pam Johnson	
	Librarian	Pete Rich	
	<b>Special Events</b>	Vince Gregorie	
	Web Site	Steve Vining	

#### Member Alert!



Mike Bender of Tulsa, Oklaholma has put together some terrific videos on every phase of Model T repair available on their website. They are very thorough and should be of interest to any Model T owner.

www.ModelT-Tips.com

#### President's Message

Thank you Steve and Jeanne Nelson for the pancake breakfast. The tour was exceptional and the weather could not have been better. Larry Summerfield flipped the pancakes to perfection and Jack Mulkey fried the ham and sausages to a "T" as always. Thank you Steve, Jeanne, Larry and Jack for a job well done.

It was evident after the pancake breakfast tour that the Sonoma County roads are as rough as ever. Very realistic for a model T so be sure to check all of the nuts and bolts prior to the next tour.

The REMTC has a big decision coming up in the near future regarding a possible National Tour in Sonoma County. If a decision is made to move forward with a National Tour, it will need to be supported by all club members. Everyone will need to pitch in and volunteer. Everyone's help will be appreciated.

See you all at the Ladies Tea and Gentlemen's Tour on May 14, 2016.

Richard, REMTC President

#### Ed's Notes

# Safety Check and Auction — April 2nd, 2016

Another successful Safety Check with the added Auction skillfully presided over by Fern and Bill Newlin.

We made some money for the Club and folks went home with some neat collectibles and at good prices.

The mechanics were hard at work and were pleased to report that the T's were in the best shape yet for this annual event. Not any major problems noted. Just the usual cotter pins missing and minor adjustments. In the past, they had found major problems; loose wheels, front end alignments etc. Everyone was given a check sheet to inform them what they



needed to address. Ted & Chris ran 15 Model T's through Steve's shop in this popular annual event. Thanks to Pete and Chris Rich & Ted Shimkowski.

The potluck lunch featured Barbecued chicken & tri-tips expertly done by Ted Grosman and the potluck dishes and desserts were extra yummy this year. We sang Happy Birthday to our host, Steve Vining and enjoyed cake baked by Cindy Vining. The Vining property worked out perfectly to host this event.

A visiting friend of the Shimkowski's, Gary S. took lots of photos which will go to the webmaster and the historian, Jeanne Nelson. Thanks to all for help in setting up and cleaning up but most of all to the Newlin's who did the lion's share of the work with the auction. 'Till next year, Happy and Safe Touring.













#### REMTC General Meetings for 2016

The meeting place is Round Table Pizza on Marlow Road. 6:00 pm for dinner and 7:00 pm for meeting. We meet on the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted.

#### REMIC Tours for 2016

*May 14th* — REMTC Ladies Tea - Hostess, Jean Chirhart (flyer page 8)

*June 4th* — Forestville Parade - First Saturday Pete & Ginny Rich

June 26th-July 1st — National MTFCA Tour — Albuquerque, New Mexico

*July 4th* — Kenwood Parade

July 10th — Montgomery Village Car Show Model T's at the Village.

July 23rd — Chuck's Potluck Luau and tour.

August — 3-7th. Lake Tahoe Tour, Chris Rich & Joan Henderson(Flyer on pg. 7)

September — Open

October — 22nd Fall Color Tour — Rich Family

*November* — Open

December 11th — Christmas Party — Quail Inn

#### Model Ts For Sale



Model T Roadster, 1923 Engine, Titled as 1925, California rust free car, running when parked several years ago, Older Paint, Upholstery and top from older restoration, accessory distributor and running board tool box, can be seen in Loomis, CA, 10,000 obo. Wayne 415-290-3927

#### Model TParts For Sale

Small drum Ruckstell, 1914 right side housing, rebuilt, ready to install, \$2500; 1914 engine rebuilt with A crank, high compression head and late transmission cover with starter, built by Willie Baechier in early 2012; \$5000. Set of 5 Houk wire wheels, 24"x 3", \$2,500 all. New Brass Works radiator, \$1,000. Brian King 707-280-8305 or email spanglishkings@yahoo.com



1927 Model T Roadster Pickup Project-Body & bed in good condition, wire wheels, needs fender repair and upholstery. \$5,500 or best offer.

Jack Mulkey 707-479-8990

#### **Member Notice**

We have taken the forms off the website to bring them up to date. A few changes will be made to the forms for: Name badges, Club jackets, membersip application etc. Please have patience while we update these files.

Thanks, Steve & Ginny

#### Redwood Empire Model T Club General Meeting held at Round Table Pizza, Marlow Rd., Santa Rosa April 7, 2016



President, Richard Chuck, called the meeting to order at 7PM

Attendance: 38 members were in attendance. All Board members were in attendance except Vince Gregoire.

Secretary's Report The March 3,2016 Meeting Minutes were read by Nanette Chuck, approved as corrected by Sandy O'Halloran, and 2nd by Mike Chirhart.

Treasurers Report The Treasurer's report was read by Steve Cavalli, approved by Andy Clary seconded by Don Johnson.

Membership Report Larry Summerfield reported there were no new members this month.

Tour Report Steve Vining covered the details of the upcoming tours. Chris Rich reported on the ongoing plans for the Tahoe Overnighter Tour.

Editor's Report Ginny Rich reported she sent out 32 newsletters; and there are 70 paid member families.

Sunshine ReportPam Johnson reported that she sent out three cards to Charlie Ruelle, Ron Mazzuchi, and the Gregoires.

Librarian Report Pete Rich reported that a book about judging details of Model T"s was donated to the library by Don Johnson.

Webmaster Report Steve Vining reported new code on the web site. A list of the REMTC library book titles is on the web.

Old Business Don Johnson gave an update of the ongoing committee research for National Tour possibilities. A discussion was held regarding the expected tasks, the need for volunteers, and the MTFCA requirements. At the May meeting, REMTC members will be asked to pledge their commitment to volunteer to work at a REMTC National Tour.

#### **New Business**

Ginny Rich made a motion that donations be made in memory of Bobbi Mazzucchi, and in memory of Charlie Ruelle. The motion was approved by Chris Rich and seconded by Mike Chirhart.

Chris Rich reported that the Safety Check was the best year ever. The 15 cars checked were in good condition. Thank you Fern Newlin for organizing the auction.

Motion to adjourn by Ginny Rich , 2nd by Andy Clary. Dessert provided by Sherry Haase.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. Respectfully submitted by, Nanette Chuck, REMTC Secretary



#### In Memorium



We are sadded to report the passing of four REMTC members in the past several months.

#### Charlie Ruelle

Charlie was a real collector of Model T's and had many which we were lucky to see while on tour in Willits. Charlie was also a great supporter of the "Roots of Motive Power" and the Willits Museum. Charlie loved driving Model T Speedsters and although he wasn't able to participate much in the past years, he did enjoy our tours. Our condolences to the Ruelle family.

#### Ron & Bobbie Muzzucchi

Ron and Bobbie enjoyed touring with the club and made close friends with those that met them. Some of our members attended high school with Ron and Bobbie so even though they were not able to tour in recent years, they will be missed in their bright blue 1915 Model T Touring. Ron & Bobbie died within months of each other. We send our sympathies to the Mazzucchi family.

#### Sue McCoy

Our most recent loss was Sue McCoy who passed away this past week. Sue was the lovely and gracious wife and companion to Dale McCoy for many years and really enjoyed the Model T Club. She left us way too soon but died peacefully in the loving presence of her family. We can only hope that wonderful memories will carry the family through this loss. Our hearts go out to Dale and the McCoy family

#### May Birthdays

Bruce Borton	01
Molly Seavey	04
Cece Depaoli	07
Gwen Brown	07
Patty Girman	07
Avery Chope	08
Kelly Stone	10
Richard Chuck	10
Chris Rich	11
Rosemarie DeCarli	15
Bert Shull	16
Janet Shull	19
Ron Welsh	22
Ted Grosman	24
Lloyd Butler	25

#### May Anniversaries

Storm, Terry & Jan	01
Shull, Bert & Janet	01
Butula, Ken & April	16
Fanucchi, Dave & Joyce	18
Smith, Bob & Judy	21

#### Dessert list for 2016

Please bring dessert for 40. Also bring paper plates and plastic forks if needed. If you can't make the meeting you are signed up for, please call a substitute.

May	Chris Rich
June	Jean Chirhart
July	Sandy OHalloran
August	Robin Summerfield
Sept.	Cindy Vining
October	Linda Mori
November	Donna Jones
December	Gwen Brown

### 2016 REMTC Tahoe Adventure Tour

When: Aug 3 – 7, 2016 Where: Crystal Bay Tahoe

Hotel: Tahoe Biltmore Hotel http://www.tahoebiltmore.com/

5 NV-28, Crystal Bay, Nevada 89402

800-245-8667

Please tell the person you are making your reservations with that you are with the REMTC group.



Please make your reservations after April 15th. Our block of rooms will be held for REMTC until June 6, 2016.

Cost of the tour will be \$200.00 per person this year. We have a number of exciting activities planned. Please have your

tour payments made by July 6, 2016.

Make your checks out to REMTC and send to Treasurer; Steve Cavalli, 435 Denton Way, Santa Rosa, CA. 95401

More information to come as we get closer, please make your reservations after **April 15th**, this is going to be an amazing tour in one of the most beautiful places on earth.

Information ~ contact Chris or Joan 707-527-7587 or cjrjlh@sonic.net

## Ladies Spring Jea and Jour Saturday, May 14th ~ 2016

Lady's, Our Tea will be at Jean Chirhart's home, 3885 Holland Dr. 11:00AM Make sure you take the south most entrance to Holland Dr., off of Bennett Valley and Tachavah other wise you may not make it up the hill!

Our theme this year is Teas from Kenya/South Africa, Japan and Shri Lanka. Please bring your own Tea Cup and if it looks like it is from those parts of the world, hooray!

Dress in vintage preferred but optional.

Food Ideas to bring & share: Quiche Fruit Tea Sandwiches Scones/breads Small desserts/candies



Jean found lots of recipes on these websites: http://whatscookingamerica.net/HighTeaRecipes.htm and www.afternoontoremember.com/menus/tea-menu http://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/holiday---celebration-recipes/tea-party-recipes

Please RSVP to Jean 707-545-5883 or jean.chirhart@comcast.net



There will be a Model T Tour and lunch for the men. More to come from Mike Chirhart.

# Stars and Stripes Forestville Parade & Barbecne

June 4th, 2016

Arrive: Rich's, 5900 Van Keppel Road, Forestville.

Breakfast: Coffee, juice, fruit & Pastries

Time: 8:30am ~ Lineup 9:15-9:30

Bring: Wrapped candy, to throw in parade

REMTC will provide rides in the parade for Forestville celebrities

After the parade. we will have a short tour and then back to the Youth Park for their famous barbeque Steaks, ribs or chicken with beans, salad and a drink. Or, barbecued oysters for those that like them, they are the best! Lots of pies and great desserts. You can listen to music, visit craft booths, venders or bring the kids to the carnival rides.

The Youth Park is completely funded and operated by the community for the community for over 53 years. REMTC has participated for over 20 years.

RSVP to Ginny 707-887-9585 or ginnylee@sonic.net



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**Previous** 

Parade

in 2012

### Springtime in South County Pancake Breakfast

(submitted by jeanne Nelson)

It started out chilly in the morning, but the sun came out just before Model Ts started to arrive. Larry Summerfield and Jack Mulkey were in their usual places at the grill. Shortly after 9:15 am members began to fill their plates with pancakes, sausage, ham, and assorted fruits; along with juice, coffee and/or tea.

When everyone was full, Steve gave out the maps for the tour. He did warn members that the roads were rough in Sonoma County, but they would know when they reach Marin County by the smoothness of the roads.

It was a short tour (only about an hour), but the green hills and pastures were just breathe taking. There were a couple of stops along the way for



repairs. It all started with Steve Nelson at the end of his driveway when he needed to tighten some screws. Next stop was for Mike and Jean Chirhart to duct tape up their radiator hose that came lose. We toured along for some to the most beautiful scenery in this county. The cows in the green fields; white sheep grazing in the pastures, and the lovely Laguna. We did have one more short stop so Steve Nelson could duct tape up Pete Rich's side view mirror.

Most of the group returned to the Liberty Fountain for shakes and chocolate sundaes.









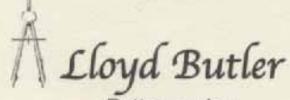






Thanks to Steve and Jeanne Nelson for all the years of having the annual pancake breakfasts and tours. It is always a club favorite. The photo on the bottom right is of Jeanne's man history books full of photos of all our REMTC tours. What a wonderful, professional and artistic display she has preserved of our Club's events.

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