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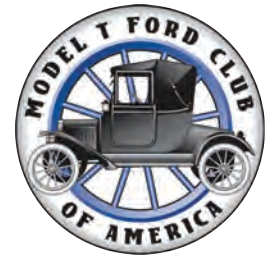
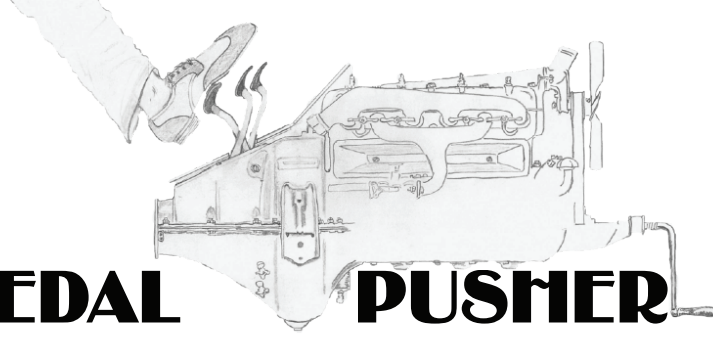
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October has arrived and brought Fall along with it. The overnighter is behind us and the touring season is winding down. But we still have things to do. Watch the calendar for upcoming tours. Last month we had our busiest shop day yet, and nothing caught fire. We will have at least a couple more this year starting with Saturday, October 5th, at Andy's Garage. Again, we ask that if you want to have something looked at on your car, please bring something to go with our coffee. It worked out well last month and helped take a little off Jeannine's plate. It's also time to start thinking about officers for next year. If you are an officer, and don't want to be, let me know. If you want to be an officer, let me know. The current slate has done a good job but some change is inevitable. I want to thank Chris and Joan one more time for hosting the overnighter. They put in a lot of work and we all appreciated it.

~ Andy

Board Members

President.....Andy Clary
 Vice President.....Tim McCallister
 Secretary.....Jeannine Clary
 Treasurer.....Patty Girman
 Past President.....John Girman

2024

Chairpersons

Historian.....Jeanne Nelson
 Membership.....Ted Shimkowski
 Newsletter Editor....Cyrus Estes
 Roster.....Patty Girman
 Scholarship.....John Girman
 Sunshine Reporter...Dianna Shimkowski
 Tours.....Steve Vining, 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.

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Redwood Empire Model T Club
General Meeting Minutes

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

September 5th, 2024

President: Andy Clary called this meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Attendance: 23 members in attendance. Absent board members were Dianna Shimkowski, Steve Vining, & Tim McCallister.

Secretary's Report: Jeannine Clary read the secretary's report, with approvals by James Harris & Jeanne Nelson.
Birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Girman read the treasury report with approvals by Pete Rich and Jean Chirhart.

Tour Report: Dave Ryberg reported that we have garage day scheduled for September 7th at Andy's house. The club overnighter is September 11-15th, and Chris Rich gave us an update on where to park our trailers with maps. September 21st is the Wheels & Wings car show at the Sonoma County Airport. For October & November, we are looking for volunteers to work on tours. December 8th is our Christmas banquet at Cattlemen's. The T&A Tours was mentioned and noted that we would have an invitational for next year.
Steve Vining has a trailer for sale.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski was absent, no report for this month.

Scholarship Report: John Girman reported that he will be contacting several high schools. More information to follow. He noted that Petaluma High School has an impressive auto shop program and to check out their website.

Editor's Report: Cyrus Estes reported we mailed out 18 newsletters, and that he changed some of the fonts in the newsletter.

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski reported no new updates.

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining was absent, no report for this month.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson brought her photo album of the trip she and Steve took to the Gilmore Museum in Michigan. A fantastic place to visit.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: 35th anniversary celebration tour was mentioned and will be addressed very soon.

Model T Moments: Andy brought up the Bridgeport Horseless Carriage Tour and the sites we visited. He also mentioned that his speedster is put together and ready for a test tour. Mike Chirhart's car broke down on the Fog Tour. Chris Rich got a fancy new truck. Dave Ryberg worked on his carburetor and changed his plugs; car runs great now.

Dessert of Brownies and Peanut Butter Cookies provided by Dave & Mici Ryberg.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:43 pm

Minutes prepared by *Jeanine Clary*, REMTC Secretary

October Birthdays



Fred Byl
Fran Faraudo
Jeanette Harm
Pat O'Halloran
Pete Rich
Judy Smith
Robin Summerfield
Richard Winterhalder
Fern Newlan
Jack Mulkey
Darrel Jones

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.....Tracy Long

October Anniversaries



Richard & Ann-Marie
Winterhalder

Bill & Fern Newlan

Con & Fran Faraudo

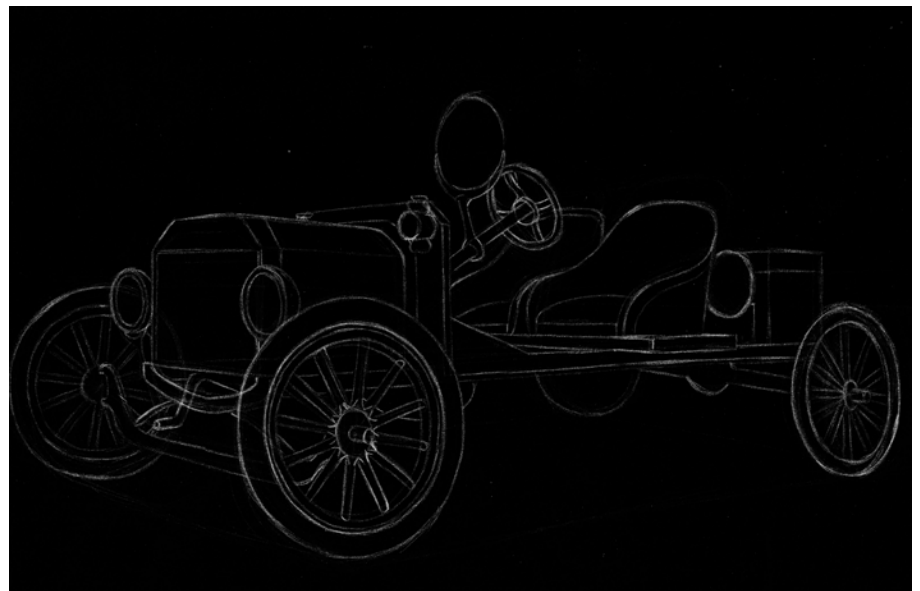
Repairs & Restorations Get Well Soon!

Steve Vining had a painful fall, no broken bones.

Would You Like to Submit an Article for the November Edition?

Please submit it to me by 10/30
if possible

Thanks from your editor, Cyrus





The Running Board

October

5th - Garage Day

At the Clary's place, starting at 9 am

December

8th - REMTC Christmas Dinner

At Cattleman's in Petaluma

See the attached flyer for details.

Food choice and payment due no later than

November 25th



Virginia City Tour



This year's overnight tour to Virginia City was a great success thanks to the super human efforts of Chris Rich and his wife Joan. REMTC had 11 cars in attendance, and everyone had a wonderful time and was well fed, again thanks to Chris & Joan. Given the limited selection of restaurants in that small town, Chris decided to cook breakfasts and dinners for those attending, and it was your own fault if you went away hungry. Chris's official uniform was a cooking apron and he whipped up some delicious dinners for all to enjoy.

Due to the Davis fire, the parks department cancelled all tours to the Bowers Mansion at the last minute, sending Chris scrambling to fill in that day's tour. We ended up still driving out to the Bowers Mansion and viewed it from the roadside, and then doubled back to a park where we all had a delicious box lunch arranged by Chris. We finished up with a small tour of a chocolate factory before climbing the hill again to Virginia City, where Chris served all the folks chili, corn bread, and fresh watermelon for dinner.

Friday's tour was to the National Automobile Museum in Reno, and the weather was picture perfect. After touring the museum, the group walked across the street to the Renaissance Hotel where we all had a delightful lunch on the veranda overlooking the Truckee River flowing beside it. Entertainment was provided in the form of a fisherman fly fishing in the Truckee and he quickly caught and released 4 trout in the period of a few minutes! The drive up the Geiger Grade was long and steep, but everyone made it up just fine and no one ended up on the trouble truck!

A special mention as well as a super effort goes to Carson Combs for his tireless efforts to keep his Model T on the road. Just after arriving, he experienced a fan blade nicking his radiator causing a leak. Not to be deterred, he pinched off the tube and then took a novel approach by adding wild horse manure to help plug any remaining leaks, and continued to participate in all the tours. It was the opinion of most everyone that his car never cooled down because he enjoyed driving his car everywhere between tours.

A train ride on Saturday morning was followed up by a very nice dinner at the Bonanza Cantina, which served everyone very nice fajita Mexican dishes topped off with strawberry cheesecake for dessert. The Ferrari Club was hosting their annual hill climb competition, so the small town of Virginia city was visited by numerous exotic automobiles that were cruising through town on their way to the course, which just so happened to be right past our hotel!

The tour was a great success thanks to all the activities, as well as Chris's attention to every detail. The owners of the hotel where we stayed were very cooperative in allowing the club to take over the place, and allowing Chris to set up a cooking and serving place on the small patio where everyone gathered to visit and partake in all the meals.

Thanks again to all who participated as well as a special "Thank You" to Chris and Joan for hosting this event.



Photos and story by Ted Shimkowski

For Sale



1914 MODEL T FORD TOURING CAR

For sale is a true to original brass era 1914 Model T that was lovingly rebuilt by my father from the wheels up over a period spanning 1960-1990. It now needs to find a new home as I am moving from Healdsburg.

The car starts (crank only), and runs very well, and has some unique touches to complement the original look: brass highlights on the wheels and steering wheel as well as a custom hand-made dash board and hand-formed brass coil box. The acetylene headlights, and oil side lights and taillight are a matched set manufactured by E & J. The wood spokes were hand turned, shaped and varnished, with all tires sized 30 x 3-1/2. The oak wood frame and steel body are rebuilt as original. The engine was completely rebuilt in the 1970s and has a recently rebuilt Bosch magneto bypassing the original coils and distributor for totally reliable ignition. The transmission was rebuilt six years ago and feeds power to a two-speed Ruckstell differential. The upholstery is in the original diamond button-tufted pattern.

The car is a real head turner. Asking price: \$20,000. Extensive photos available on request.

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