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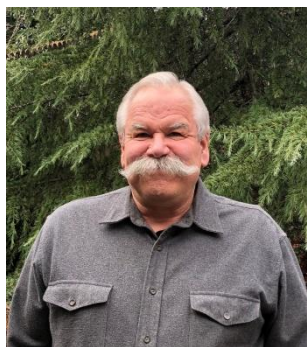
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December 2020

## President's Message

Hello all!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.



December is now upon us and we all, I'm sure, are getting ready for Christmas. New Year's is next and, I for one, am glad to say goodbye to 2020. We all have had quite a year. Hopefully 2021 will be a much brighter year for us all.

Last month I added to the stable here at the home ranch a couple more Model T's: a one-ton project, and a 1920 sedan. The one-ton has a multitude of possibilities, all of which I'm exploring. The sedan was restored many years ago by a friend of mine, since deceased. The car has sat for two decades unused and will need some going over before it's road-worthy. I'm planning to drive the heck out of it and I'll be leading some tours this next year to do exactly that!

Barbara and I thoroughly enjoyed the online Lincoln Highway class. It inspired many tour ideas.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Until next month, be happy and safe!

*Phil*

## Up Coming Events - 2021

- ♦ January 30-31, 2021 - The Turlock Swap Meet has been cancelled for 2021.
- ♦ June 6 - Mother Lode Swap Meet - Tentative date depending on Fairground COVID rules. See flyer this issue.
- ♦ July 9-14 - Spokane, Washington - MTFCA 2020 National Tour, hosted by the Inland Empire Model T Club - See details in the Vintage Ford.

## *Dues are Due*

Time to renew your Mother Lode Model T Club dues for 2021. Please send your check for \$20 to:

**Mother Lode Model T Club  
PO Box 4901  
Auburn, Ca. 95604**

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Also do not forget to renew your Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA) National membership which includes the Vintage Ford magazine. We are a chapter of the MTFCA. In order to maintain our liability insurance provided by the MTFCA at least 50% of our members must be members of the National and to participate in National tours you must be a member.

## 2021 Officers

The Nominations for the 2021-22 Board Members was approved at the November 10 board meeting.

| 2021-2022   | Returning Members<br>2020-2021  |
|---|---|
| Sherry Rodriguez<br>Edward Rodriguez<br>John Saylor<br>Kitty Goodell - <b>Treasurer</b> | Phil Lawrence - <b>President</b><br>Susie Krezman - <b>Vice President</b><br>Steve Short - <b>Secretary</b><br>Gary Krezman |

November 19, 2020

## MTFCA UPDATE for Chapters



### WELCOME!

#### New Executive Director, Rachel Hughes

Rachel Hughes of Richmond, Indiana was recently selected to serve as Executive Director of the Model T Ford Club of America and the Model T Museum. The announcement was made by current MTFCA Executive Director, Susan Yaeger, who is retiring on December 18.

Rachel has lived in Richmond since 1994. She and her husband, Ron, own the Tin Lizzie Cafe and Tin Cup Tea and Gift Shop in Richmond. They own a 1924 Model T Ford Roadster and have been active in the local Henry's Hoosiers chapter and also volunteered at the 2008 Centennial T-Party. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana State University, a Master's degree from Indiana University, and certificates in Fund Raising Management and Nonprofit Executive Leadership.

Hughes brings over 30 years of experience in the nonprofit field to her new position, including work for the Indiana Association of United Ways, the United Way of Whitewater Valley, and the Wayne County Foundation. She is an active volunteer both in the community and the state having served on the Board of Aviation Commission for the City of Richmond, the Kiwanis Club of Richmond, and several other boards and advisory councils.

"I know our members and Chapter leaders will enjoy working with Rachel. She brings a wealth of talents and experiences to this role. I could not be more confident in leaving the MTFCA in such good hands!"

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Susan Yaeger.

## Area Swap Meets

Since the Turlock Swap Meet has been canceled, The Stockton Swap meet will hold a meet on January 31 at the Stockton Fairgrounds. More info at:

<https://www.facebook.com/StocktonSwapMeet/>

The Sacramento Swap Meet, April 17, 2021, normally held at Cal Expo will be moving to the Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland.

<https://www.sacramentoswapmeet.com/>



**Roster Update - New address for Grace Aldridge -**  
1041 Audrey Way, Roseville, Ca 95661

## Anniversaries And Birthdays



### December Anniversaries

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Richard & Julie Instness | 2 |
| Gary & Susie Krezman     | 4 |

### December Birthdays

|                  |    |                  |    |
|------------------|----|------------------|----|
| Leona Boorinakis | 7  | Sandy Silveira   | 17 |
| Wanda Johnson    | 8  | Maryann Koch     | 23 |
| Bill Finkbeiner  | 9  | Courtney Barrett | 24 |
| Virginia Short   | 13 | Chris Instness   | 27 |
| Wayne Lyndon     | 15 | Junette Avey     | 31 |

## California Auto Museum Update

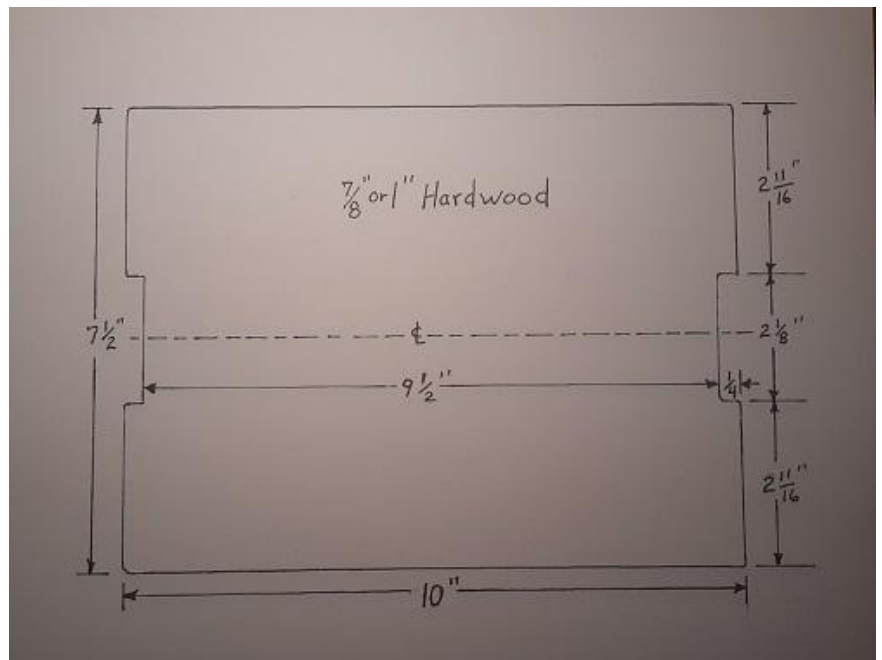
*The CAM was open briefly only to have to close again due the COVID numbers increasing county wide.*

### From My Shop by Phil Lawrence



This month I want to show a very simple piece to make for those of you who have one of those fancy Model T's with electrical starting equipment. It's a riser board for the battery bracket to raise the battery to its proper height. This wasn't original to Model T's but few of us today use Ford's original battery and battery box that came from the factory.

In the photo are all the necessary measurements to build your own. The material should be a hardwood, such as oak or ash. It would be best to seal the wood with a varnish or similar coating to protect it before installation.

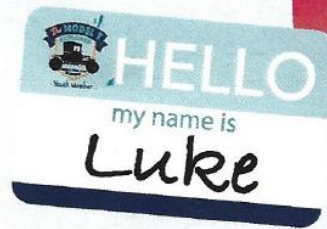




Last Fall I signed my Grandson Luke up as a charter member of the MTFCA Youth Explorers Club. They have their own newsletter and are encouraged to submit articles. So Luke submitted his story. It was printed along with one other in the latest Explorer Newsletter. Below is the article he wrote. (I think he likes Chris' speedster)

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## Meet Your Fellow Model T Explorers



Next meet Model T Explorer Luke; he lives in California and is 9 years old. His papa is John Saylor. Luke shared a story about his favorite time in his papa's 1927 Model T Sedan.

"My papa asked me to join him on his Model T club's Breakfast Beat the Heat Tour in July. I stayed at his house the night before. We had to be up by five in the morning, to eat a snack and get in the Model T."

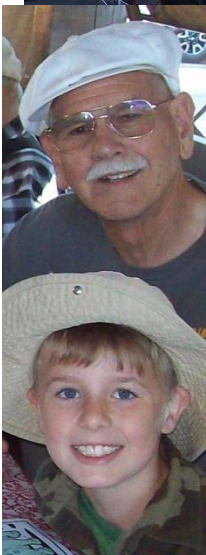


"Papa drove to the meeting spot, which was a grocery store called Raley's. The people going on the driving tour will usually chat for a while before we start the trip."

"When it was time to get started, we drove up into the mountains. We stopped at Dine 'n' Dash to get breakfast. I ordered the Mickey Mouse pancake

with bacon and orange juice. Then we got back in our Model T's, drove back out of the mountains, and went back home."

"This was my favorite tour because I like to go out to breakfast in the morning. It is fun when my papa and I go out together."





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President ----- Phil Lawrence 530-559-1440  
Vice President ---- Susie Krezman 530-823-7957  
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Secretary----- Steve Short 916-791-7087

## Board Members

Gary Krezman -----916-599-0059  
Edward Rodriguez-----530-906-0844  
John Saylor-----916-202-5842  
Sherry Rodriguez-----530-526-4405

Sunshine ----- Susie Krezman  
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## T-Diggins'

Published monthly to keep members informed of club activities and to promote participation in club events.

Publication copy should be sent to the editor by the 25th of the month to be included in the next issue. Send all copy to: 7304 Goldwood Way, Citrus Heights, Ca 95610 or email to [j99saylor@gmail.com](mailto:j99saylor@gmail.com)

## Club Website

The Mother Lode Model T Club maintains a website at <https://www.motherlodemodelt.com>. The website keeps members informed of club activities, photos of club events and members cars. The website also provides membership information and introduces those new to the hobby to the club. An application can be downloaded from the website.

The *Mother Lode Model T Club* was organized and became a chapter of the *Model T Ford Club of America* in 1969. The club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the personal enjoyment of its members through the preservation and restoration of the Model T Ford and especially through activities involving the use of Model T Fords.

Meetings, normally held on the second Thursday of each month with the exception of December, at the Sizzler, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn, Ca. 5:30 pm for dinner, 7 pm meeting. Meetings are *presently on hold due to COVID - social distancing Limitations*.

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Model T Fords. Ownership of a Model T is not necessary.

Dues - Annual Dues are \$20 per family.

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 is \$40.00 payable to:  
The Model T Ford Club of America  
P.O. Box 996  
Richmond, IN. 47375-0996  
Telephone: (765) 373-3106  
[www.mtfca.com](http://www.mtfca.com)



**46th ANNUAL MOTHER LODGE**  
**SWAP MEET**

**Sunday**  
**June 6, 2021**  
**Gold Country Fairgrounds**  
**Auburn, Calif.**

**All County & State COVID Social Distancing & Mask requirements will be followed.**

**Gates Open 5 AM – All Spaces 15x25 - \$25.00. Buyers \$5.00**

**Vintage & Classic Cars, Parts and Memorabilia.**

**Vendor setup after 4 pm, or when the field is finished Saturday, June 5.**

**All spaces first come basis. No Space reservations needed.**

**All vendors must vacate by 3 pm Sunday, June 6.**

**Alcoholic beverages, Firearms, Food sales &  
Open fires are not allowed.**

**Proceeds will benefit Local Charities.**

**Food Booth on site provided by a local food vendor.**

**Contacts: Phil (530) 559-1440. Gary 916-599-0059.**

**More Info- Updates <http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>**

**Directions: I 80 Eastbound, exit Maple St., follow signs  
to fairgrounds.**

**I 80 Westbound, exit Nevada St., cross over freeway & follow signs.**

**Enter at 200 Fairgate Rd. from Auburn Folsom Rd., Spaces on the Ball Field.**

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