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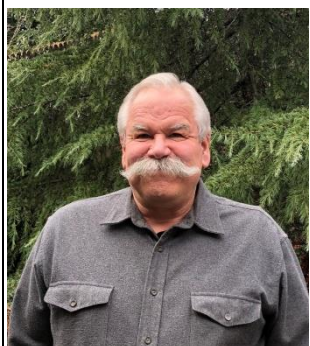
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Time to Tour

April 2021

## President's Message

Greetings all! Spring has sprung, the flowers have bloomed and pollen is in the air! Along with spring comes Easter so I'll wish everyone a Happy Easter.



Things are starting to happen once more. Susie is planning a tour for Friday, April 23 so let's all be careful and maintain our diligence by wearing our masks and keeping our distance throughout the tour.

The swap meet planning is coming along but volunteers are needed. We need people to man the gates especially. Set up should be fairly easy this year on Saturday, but Sunday will really be the day for all hands on deck. There are many jobs that only require someone to sit at a table under an awning in the shade and collect money from people as they enter. Now that's an easy job if I've ever heard of one.

Speaking of swap meets, some of our members made it to Chickasha this year. Quite a few that I've talked to are planning to make it to Tulare on May 1<sup>st</sup> also. I'll be going down with a large load to sell and several hundred of our swap meet flyers to pass out. If anyone plans on going and would like to pass out some flyers or just have a stack at their space for anyone to grab, let me know and I'll be sure to get some flyers to you.

Stay safe, be happy!

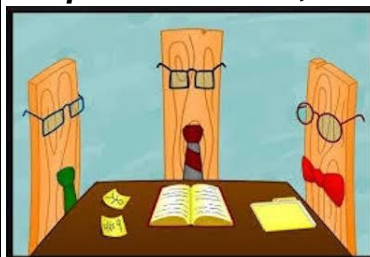
*Phil*

## Up Coming Events - 2021

- ♦ April 23 – Modified Shakedown – Local Club Tour. Meet at Raley's, Auburn at 8:30.
- ♦ April 26-28 – Utah Canyon Tour, Panguitch, Utah. Contact Steve: [newnorthsouth@gmail.com](mailto:newnorthsouth@gmail.com)
- ♦ June 5 – Swap meet setup day
- ♦ June 6 - Mother Lode Swap Meet.
- ♦ July 9-14 - Spokane, Washington, MTFCA 2020 National Tour, hosted by the Inland Empire Model T Club. See details in the Vintage Ford.
- ♦ Sept 18-19 – Colfax Rail Road Days.

## Board Meeting

**Tuesday April 9,  
6 pm. At Mel's, Auburn. We will be planning the swap meet and other club activities for the coming year.**



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## ***Let's Go for a Tour***

***Friday, April 23.*** - Meet at Raley's on Lincoln Way in Auburn, Ca at 8:30 for Gary's Par Excellence Donut Bar with Hand Sanitizer followed by a short driver meeting. Leave at 9:00 am.

The route for our wanderings that day is still in the planning stages. It will be about a 50-mile drive.

The reason for the weekday is less vehicles on the road and the availability of space at a park. As you know families have been cooped up for over a year, quarantine orders are being eased making public roads and spaces overwhelmed.

To help with safety please bring your own picnic lunch, no indoor dining,

This will be modified Shakedown, just our little club for social distancing. In the fall we could plan a joint tour with the Auburn A's and the Sacramento Model T Club. Always so fun to watch the A's try to keep up with the T's.

Bring your masks, as we will be getting a masked group shot for historical purposes. Any questions, contact me, Susie Krezman VP.

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## **Area Events & Swap Meets**

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### ***Auburn Cruise Night***

The monthly Auburn Cruise Night is planning to start up again on the 2nd Friday of the month starting May 14, barring any downturn in the COVID epidemic. Good event to bring out our cars and advertise our Swap Meet.

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**April 17 - The Sacramento Swap Meet,** Normally held at Cal Expo, will be moving to the Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland. \$12.00 Admission. Free Parking.

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

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**May 1 – Tulare Pre-War Swap Meet –** This new meet is a replacement for the well-known Bakersfield Pre-War meet. **Tulare International Agri-Center, Adjacent to the Classic Cars & Parts Swap Meet.** [\*\*The Flyer\*\*](#)

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**May 31-June 5 - Golden Gate Tour III - Marin County.** [\*\*Click here for Details.\*\*](#) This North Coast tour is again just prior to our swap meet. Hopefully those attending will swing by the swap meet on their way home.

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## Our Mother Lode Swap Meet

Our Mother Lode Swap Meet is scheduled Sunday June 6. As long as the COVID situation continues to improve, the Gold Country Fair Grounds is optimistic that we should continue to plan on having our event there. So, mark your calendars, volunteer to help. We will need folks for the setup on Saturday. Sunday we will need people at the vendor and general buyer gates, parking the vendors and for tear down and clean up in the afternoon. Contact Phil to sign up.

### What's Happening at the CAM?

Plans are under way to insulate the ceiling. This will really help the Museum be more comfortable, improve interior lighting, and help be more energy efficient.

They have a very generous funds matching donor. The goal is to raise \$60,000 in 60 days.

\$60K in 60 Days

[Link to donate](#)



#### RE-OPENING HOURS:

SATURDAY, MARCH 20	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 21	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
THURSDAYS	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
FRIDAYS	10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
SATURDAYS	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Private Tours available to schedule outside Business Hours

### Outdoor Museum Series

Interest in our Outdoor Museum series is growing, and now that the museum is OPEN we can invite visitors inside as well. A healthy crowd enjoyed another interesting selection of volunteer-owned cars during our last event while most if not all came through our doors as visitors. The next Outdoor Museum event is **Saturday April 17th** featuring the Capitol "A"s, Sacramento region of the Model A Ford Club of America.

This event, on third Saturday, could be a possible future club function. Think about it. We would tour to the CAM, put our cars on display, outside, maybe in concert with the Sacramento Club.

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### **For Sale: 1922 Model T Touring**

Upholstery redone about 6 years ago. Have an extra engine block, transmission, crankshaft (I think?) and other miscellaneous parts. I believe we have the original key too.!!



Contact: Andy at (530) 409-0102 or [andyaheath@yahoo.com](mailto:andyaheath@yahoo.com)

Call to schedule a viewing, will accept best offer received.

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**For Sale:** 1921 Touring  
1923 Touring  
TT Truck running gear  
Small 1920's utility trailer

Contact Phil Lawrence, 530-559-1440, for details.

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## Anniversaries And Birthdays



### April Anniversaries

Richard & Joyce Weitzel	6
Dick & Wanda Johnson	24



### April Birthdays

Mary Lynn Barrett	1	Philip Lawrence	19
Robert Dawson	2	Patricia Pava	19
Susie Krezman	8	Larry Taylor	22
Lee Adams	8	Mike Berry	29
Beth Finkbeiner	13		

## Name Badges

*There are new members since we last met at a regular meeting. If you want a name badge, please send me the info, first name or nick name and last name. Also, for existing members if you have lost it or needs renewing. I will have them for you at the April 23 tour. [j99saylor@gmail.com](mailto:j99saylor@gmail.com) Let me know by April 19.*

## From My Shop

by Phil Lawrence



This month a front spring spreader is in the works so follow along and I'll explain how to make a handy tool to safely and easily remove your front spring. Now that you have some nice jack stand bases (instructions in last month's newsletter) you'll be able to support the weight of your "T" and take the weight off the front end assembly.

To get started you'll need to get a length of 3/4" black iron pipe 24" long, a 12" to 24" length of 3/4" all-thread rod and a 3/4"-10 nut to screw on the all-thread rod.

If you purchased a precut and threaded pipe at your local hardware store you want to cut off the threaded section at both ends. You won't need those. That will leave you with a pipe approximately 22" long. You will need to heat up one end of the pipe to flatten it to a taper. A heat source hot enough to get the pipe a dull red will do it, that is assuming you're not using a 12-ounce hammer. You'll need a pretty heavy hammer or a lot more heat. When you're hammering you want to hit the top and then the bottom of the pipe evenly to create a wedge shape.

With the pipe done, next is the 3/4" all-thread rod. One end of it is also tapered to a wedge configuration. This is best done using a 4 1/2" angle grinder with a cut-off blade. If you like to work out to build up your muscles, a hack saw might work for you. As was done on the pipe we need a wedge shaped end on one end only. The angle of the wedge can vary, just so long as it's uniform. (See photo #1)

Now it's time to do just a little finish work. The ends of both pieces, we shaped, can be cleaned a little and smoothed up by using the 4 1/2" angle grinder with a 36 or 60 grit sanding disk to deburr and

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polish up the wedges on the pipe and threaded bar. The ends or points should be blunt and smooth. You can go as crazy as you want on making it look pretty. You might want to paint the pipe to keep it from rusting. (Photo #2 shows the completed parts.)

The spreader is positioned under the spring (photo #3) to use it to support the car from under the frame as mentioned earlier. With the weight off the front spring you can now safely start to spread the spring by turning the nut in a clockwise direction. When spring shackles are loose, that is, without tension, they can be removed and then, of course, the spring.

If you are removing a spring front or back to paint or repair it, before disassembling it be sure to clamp it with a couple of large "C" clamps on each side of the center bolt. Those springs, even after being removed from the car, are still under tension. By clamping them and then removing the center bolt you can release the tension slowly by unscrewing the clamps.

Also, just a tip for you, you want to make sure the spring leaves go back together the same way they came apart. To do that, take a center punch and in a straight line from the right or left side of the center bolt, make a punch mark on each spring leaf's edge. Make the punch mark heavy enough to be clearly seen. This may just save you a major headache later.

Next month, another tool to help in installing or removing a common accessory.



**Photo # 1**



**Photo # 2**



**Photo  
# 3**



## Photos from some past Tours -

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**Let's get those T's tuned up and ready for the April 23 tour. Shake it down before the tour!**







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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.

## 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)

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:

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