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Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club
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Happy Independence Day

July 2021

President's Message



Greetings all, we did it! Our 2021 Swap Meet is now history. For those that missed it, you really missed a great meet. Everyone, both vendors and buyers, were very happy to be back. We

sold out all the spaces a little after 6:00 a.m. and then created maybe a dozen or so more so as not to turn away any more vendors than we had to. I'm not sure how many were turned away but one of those vendors told me he was disappointed not to be able to sell, but said he understood completely and was planning to have a great time walking around looking at everything anyway. Before walking away he thanked the club for putting the swap meet on and said he'd be back next year.

We really have the only largely pre-1930 antique swap meet in Northern California. Model T parts were out in abundance this year. I never got to walk around and look, but know that there was some really early T (1909, 10, 11) parts and project cars there for sale.

Our club members were also out in force selling off their extra parts and unwanted projects. From the calls I received prior to the meet, people were coming from long distances—Oregon, Nevada (including Las Vegas), and many from Southern California—to attend. Gary received many similar calls also. Well, I hope that everyone has a great 4th of July. Be safe doing whatever you plan on doing and have fun doing it.

Don't forget to check out the club calendar for upcoming events. Some of our members will be attending the National Club Tour in Spokane this month so I'll wish them a safe trip and a good time. Guess we'll have to wait to hear about that one next month.

Until then, be safe, smile and have some fun!

Phil

Up Coming Events - 2021

- ♦ July 8 – NO Monthly Meeting
- ♦ July 9 - Auburn Cruise Night –
- ♦ July 9-14 - Spokane, Washington, MTFCA 2020 National Tour, hosted by the Inland Empire Model T Club. See details in the Vintage Ford.
- ♦ July 17 – Long Beach Model T Club 67th annual swap meet [Flyer](#)
- ♦ July 23 - Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour – Meet at Raley's, Auburn, 7:30 AM Leave at 8 AM for the drive to Colfax. Breakfast at Dine N Dash. Sign up at the meeting or contact Junette.
- ♦ Aug 22 - Pava's Annual Multi- Club Car Tour and Ice Cream Social. Meet 10 am, Safeway at Cameron Park.
- ♦ Sept – Penn Valley Tour
- ♦ Oct 3 – Auburn Old Cemetery Tour.
- ♦ Oct 15 – Fall Joint Tour

Annual 'Beat the Heat' Breakfast Tour.

Our annual Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour is all set for Friday July 23. Meet at Raley's bright and early. We will leave at 8 AM for the short drive to Colfax. Please RSVP by calling tour leader Junette Brown.

August Multi Club Tour

David & Pat Pava will again be hosting their annual multi-club tour Sunday, August 22. Meet at Safeway parking lot, Cameron Park, 10 am, leaving by 10:30. Short tour in the Shingle Springs area with lunch and ice cream at the Pava's home. See attached flyer for additional information.

Board Meeting

No Board Meeting this Month. Plans are for a board meeting in August. Details next month.

September Tour

For September we will be touring thru the Grass Valley area ending up at Western Gateway Park in Penn Valley. Please bring your own picnic lunch.

We will have a covered picnic area reserved. Meet at Raley's 8:30 am leave by 9 am.

October Tour – Save the Date

Friday, October 15. We will have a joint tour with the Auburn A's and the Sac Valley Model T Club. More info to come.

Important - Important – Important

Open Board Position – All Meetings Suspended

We have one open Board position and a Club Secretary is needed. No one seems interested. Now's the time to step up and help plan and run the years activities. Our by-laws require 8 board members and all meetings to be documented.

All club meetings will be suspended until this important position can be filled!

We have a volunteer!

Call Phil if you are willing to fill out the term. (530)559-1440.

A funny story sent in by member David Harrison.

Here is a story that was told to me by my neighbor, Homer Rail, at the age of 85.

Homer grew up in Murrieta, California which is near San Diego. The town was very small at that time and there was one combination grocery/hardware store where his mother shopped regularly. Along the side of this store, there was a line of eucalyptus trees that had ropes and chains around them for farmers to tie up their horses and wagons. The ropes and chains had been there so long that the trees had grown around them causing them to be imbedded in the tree trunks.

While Homer's mother would go to the store regularly with Homer in tow (he was about 4 years old at the time), she did not like to take him inside because he was always getting into mischief. He liked to open drawers, look into everything, and handle the merchandise. At the time, his mother drove a 1930-era Chevrolet 4-door sedan. His mother decided that she would leave him in the car to keep him out of trouble. Homer stayed with the car but was curious about the ropes and chains in the nearby trees. He surmises that he was thinking of how customers would tie up the horses, so he decided to tie up the car in the same manner. He tied a chain around the center post between the sets of doors. When his mother came out of the store, she deposited her things in the car and drove off. Boy! Was she surprised when the whole side of the car was yanked off! Homer was reminded of this act of destruction many times as he grew up.

Thanks David. I am always looking for stories. So, members think back to experiences you have had, stories handed down or tell us about buying your first Model T or even your first car no matter what the brand.



Auburn Cruise Night – June 11

Susie had contacted the Auburn Journal about doing an article on a 100-year-old Model T. Apparently, I have the only 1921 T in the club. Bill Poindexter from the Auburn Journal called me and we chatted about my car. He published a nice article in the June 9 edition noting that I would have the car at Auburn Cruise Night. Darren and I drove up and wangled a good parking spot. It was a packed evening, Classic cars everywhere. We had lots of folks stop and ask questions about the car and Model T's in general. Later Darren's wife Jen and my daughter, Lori and family stopped by. Saw several club members out for the nice evening.



General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes—Mother Lode Model T Club General Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2021, Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, CA

Call To Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Lawrence.
- A welcoming was given to all in attendance.
- Susie advised the club it was Richard Weitzel's Birthday, and she had brought cupcakes to share with those in attendance
- President Phil Lawrence advised we still need another board member, and a Secretary. Currently the position is open.
- Phil Lawrence, acting secretary at the May meeting, read the minutes from the May meeting. No changes needed, they stand as reported.

Treasurer's Report – Provided by Kitty Goodell

- Provided read out of monthly income and expenses which included the swap meet. The club is solvent.

Secretary's Report – Provided by Phil Lawrence

- Report was provided in the opening call to order segment.

Vice President Report – Provided by Susie Krezman

- Cruise Night will be tomorrow, June 11. John Saylor will be there with his 100 year old car, and the Auburn Journal will have an article in the paper about it.
- Junette Avey will host the breakfast tour on Friday, July 23. Sign up sheet was passed around
- Dave Pava and his wife will be hosting the multi club tour and Ice Cream Social August 22. The tour will start at 10, and will start at Cameron Park. Tour will last 2-2 ½ hours on back roads and end in the orchard and vineyards at the Pava's. More details will be provided at a later date.
- John Saylor sent notices around of cars for sale .-
- Need a host for the club Ice Cream Social in August
- September 18 Railroad Days
- Septemberr John Saylor will host a tour to Penn Valley area. More details to follow.
- October 3 the docents are putting together an event at the Auburn Cemetary. They would like a couple of cars to be there.
- October 15 Susie Krezman will host a group tour with our club, the Auburn A's and the Sacramento Model T's.
- Christmas dinner December 19 will be a lunch at The Ridge, hosted by Paula Mikles.
- Question asked if the club will be participating in the July 4th Auburn parade. There is a fee to be included this year, we are not participating.

Old Business –

- John Saylor – I have a shirt order from pre-covid. Going to talk to the screen printer about the ink coming off the logo's from the anniversary t-shirts. Anyone interested in club tshirts let John know ASAP.
- Phil Lawrence – thanks to all for the swap meet help. Clean up crew did a great job. We left it cleaner than when we arrived, even the bathrooms.
- Susie stood and said what a terrific job Phil did on the Swap Meet. Gary also complimented Phil. Phil was running around the field then back to the vendor gate to make more space for vendors.

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- Phil noted there were vendors that had to be turned away because it was full, and they all understood. He had vendors and attendees seek him out at his booth to thank him for holding the meet this year, and saying they hoped the meet takes place again next year.
- Maria's food truck did very well and she would like to come back next year. She sold out.
- Gary Krezman said he feels like putting on the swap meet is a volunteer event that no one volunteers for.
 - Maybe we need to hire out the workers going forward.
 - A swap meet committee should be put together to host the event.
 - Wrist bands should be provided to the paying attendees for easy in/out recognition of those who paid.
 - Maybe have a coffee truck.
 - Cal Fire requires drawing of the layout and next year more space will be needed for the fire lane. 20' of space will be needed next year so we will lose spaces for vendors, possibly could lose one row.
 - Could move to the above parking area rather than the grass, but grass is better. Club workers, vendors and attendees all prefer the grass.

New Business –

- Gary proposed having the next Board Meeting at Old Town Pizza at the fairgrounds as a sign of support for the local business. All agreed. Next meeting will be August 9.
- Gary – how many printed newsletters go out? Currently 14. Proposal we should go to all electronic. Those without email could go to the library and pull up the motherlodemodelt.com site to see the newsletter.
- Phil thanked Barbara Lawrence for all of her support. She puts up with him, and assists any writings and preparing what's needed for the mailed newsletters. She does a lot in the background the club isn't aware of, and for all her support he's very thankful. He has promised her a trip somewhere as a thank you!
- Phil advised we need a chairman for the next swap meet, he will not chair next year.

Adjournment –

- With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned and closed at 7:41p.m.

Respectfully, Kitty Goodell – Treasurer

Acting Secretary

Memorial Day Car Show At the CAM

The day before Memorial Day our grandson's, Luke and Colin, spent the night with us. Monday morning, we got up early to have a quick breakfast, packed up the 27 Sedan and by 7:30 am we were on our way to the show. It takes a good hour by model T to drive down to the CAM. It was forecast to be 106 degrees. We waved at a lot of people and honked the horn for fun as we made our way. We got checked in and found a nice shady spot for the car. The show was in the Cal Trans lot just to the South of the museum. This is where Highways 50, 99 I-5 and I-80 overpasses are above us so most spots were shaded all day. We sat for a while and watched all the classics drive in and get parked. All kinds of cars from the 40's, 50's 60's and some really nice Mustangs and Corvettes, including two new midship engine C8's. We walked around took a few pictures and found one more Model T, a 20's TT Tanker truck complete with a PTO water pump. No one

was around so we didn't get to find out much more about it. Mid-morning my daughter Lori and Hubby Jesse met up with us with some snacks to tide us over till lunch.

The only other club member we saw was Dennis Furr. Dennis was there as a museum volunteer to help get everyone parked. I think I was asked more questions and comments about the Model T than any of the other classics around us. After our Drewski's Food Truck lunch things began to slow down. The show was over at 2pm. The Boy's went back home with their parents and I made the hour long drive back to Citrus Heights as the temps were approaching 106 and you know what kind of air conditioning a Model T has!

These kinds of shows are a lot of fun. The old Model T's draw a lot of attention.



Anniversaries And Birthdays - July



Jerry & Toni Moore – July 14



Nich Boorinakis	5
Erik Lindstedt	10
Russ Purvis	12
Sherry Rodriguez	28

More Cruise Night Photos --



John and family at Auburn Cruise night



**Swapmeet
Photos**



A Big Thank You to Our Volunteers

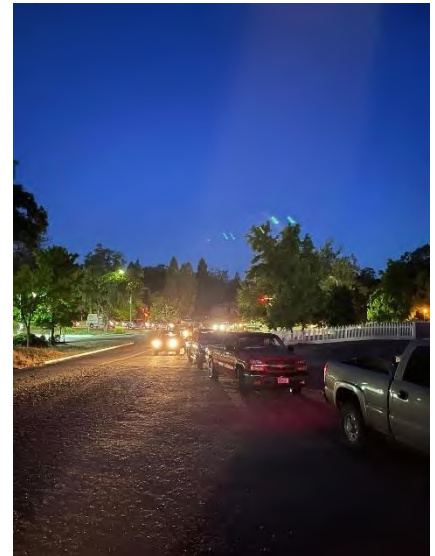
Our swap meet is a huge job to put on. As this year's chairman, I would personally like to thank the following volunteers for all their hard work on both Saturday setup and Sunday's meet. I hope that I didn't overlook anyone on the list. If I have, I sincerely apologize, it was totally unintentional.

Debbie Bamber
Mike Bashore
Mike Berry
John Boorinakis
Jerry Dorville
Tom Dorville
Bill Finkbeiner
Christian Finkbeiner
Giovanni Franceshini
Dennis Furr
Dave Harrison
Bruce and Mindy Ingram
Chris Instness
Richard Instness
Gary and Susie Krezman
Ben Lindstedt
Erick and Cindy Lindstedt
Ken Marriott
Jerry Moore
David Pava
Mark Porco
John Saylor
Al Stoll
Steve Straw
Richard & Joyce Weitzel, & grandson, Aiiden



Erik & Cindy at the Buyer Gate

**Early Morning
at the Vendor Gate**



While listed above, two of our members who deserve a special thank you are Bill and Christian Finkbeiner. No one worked harder than they did. They were on the field at 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning and worked all day to layout and stripe the field. Even after vendors were entering, they remained to create extra spaces for the anticipated sell-out crowd the next day. Bill and Christian do this year after year for us, and without them, we would really be in trouble getting that job done.

I'd also like to especially thank the Sunday clean-up crew. They did an excellent job picking up after the meet. The fairgrounds were immaculate when we were done using them, far better than upon our arrival on Saturday morning.

Lastly, a special thanks to my wife, Barbara. She was in the background, out of the limelight, but without her help and support, I couldn't have done my part.

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**Phil Lawrence
2021 Swap Meet Chairman**

And a big Thank You to Phil who as President, chaired the Swap Meet in a difficult year after COVID and for hanging in there when volunteers were hard to come by.

Celebration of Life of Kelly Joyce Inman Kreeger, June 27.

Good representation from our club. Three Model T's met at Mel's for breakfast and a short tour up around Black Oak Golf Course, then Dry Creek Rd. to Auburn Airport to Tom Dewell's Aviation Flyers Gas. We Had up front T parking for our display.



Huge event with live bands with some good recording artists, complete with vintage airplane Fly overs. Those attending from our club were Steve Elliott, leader, John Borrinakis and Mark, Porco and family. Thanks Steve for the article and pictures.



Breaking News – Wild Cherry II prevailed as the first Model T powered car ever to take the crown at the Lincoln Nebraska Speedster Reunion. Congratulations to Erik and Bobby.





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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, 6:30 pm meeting.

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

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Annual dues for the MTFCA is \$40.00 payable to:

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THE PAVA'S ANNUAL – MULTI-CLUB ANTIQUÉ CAR TOUR, BBQ & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

When: **Sunday, August 22, 2021** - Arrive by 10 AM – Depart promptly at 10:30
Enjoy a day with car club friends who are members of: the:
Sacramento and Mother Lode Model T Ford Clubs: the NorCal, Bay Area and El
Dorado Horseless Carriage Clubs and the Hangtown A's.

Where: El Dorado County Foothills Back Roads and
4801 Jubilee Trail, Shingle Springs, CA 95682

Depart From: Safeway Parking Lot – Cameron Park Drive Exit from Highway 50
Trailer parking nearby, restrooms snacks and coffee available

Tour 10:30 – 12:30 Very scenic low-traffic, narrow road tour – light to moderate hills.

12:30 – 4:00 Backyard Barbecue and Ice Cream Social –
Antique Cars in our Vineyard and Orchard.

Bring whatever you would like to cook for lunch on our outdoor grill plus a Pot-Luck Dish to Share if you wish. We will supply grilling utensils, plates, cutlery, condiments, soft drinks, water, ice cream - plus toppings – followed by for those who like - a taste of our home-made wine.

Please bring folding chairs and wear your and club name badge.

**There is no charge for this event ... but ...
Please RSVP by August 20, so we know who to expect. We look forward to seeing you.**

David & Patricia Pava

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