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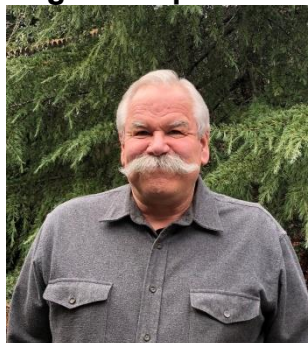


Monthly Newsletter of the  
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May 2021

## President's Message

Happy days are here again! Things are starting to happen once more. There was a large swap meet April 17 in Woodland.



Several of our members were there. I made the rounds passing out more than 450 fliers for our swap meet. Many people expressed excitement hearing our swap meet has returned. We had a nice tour April 23 with a good turnout.

There were seven Model T's and a couple of Model A's in attendance. Susie and Gary did a great job planning it. It was a great way to start the 2021 touring season!

Ok, now the really good news! Sizzler is open for indoor dining. I talked to them and we can now hold our regular meetings once more. Our first general meeting will be Thursday, May 13, so I hope there's a good turnout.

Our swap meet is coming up fast. Everything is moving along well but we still need some help at the vendor's gate on Saturday afternoon and evening, and on Sunday morning. A clean-up crew is also needed Sunday afternoon.

Lastly, I'd like to welcome our newest members, Steve Straw and his wife, Vicki. Steve's a long time Model T guy and is well versed in any old Ford with a four banger.

Let's have some fun!

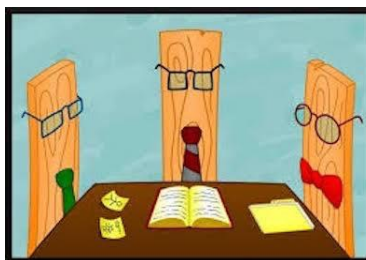
Phil

## Up Coming Events - 2021

- ♦ May 10 - -Board Meeting @ Mel's Diner in Auburn @ 6:00 pm
- ♦ May 13 - 5:30 pm General Meeting @Auburn Sizzler
- ♦ May 14 – Auburn Cruise Night
- ♦ May 31 – Car Show @ the CAM
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ July 17 – Long Beach Model T Club 67<sup>th</sup> annual swap meet, Veterans Stadium. Click here for the [Flyer](#)
- ♦ Sept 18-19 – Colfax Rail Road Days.
- ♦ Oct 3 – Auburn Old Cemetery Tour.

## Board Meeting

Tuesday May 10, 6 pm. At Mel's, Auburn.



*Final planning for the swap meet and other local club activities for the coming year.*

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## ***We had a great Spring Tour***

On April 23, 2021 The Mother Lode Model T Club left Raleys in Auburn and took backroads thru Auburn, Newcastle, Ophir and the Thermo Lands. The drive was leisurely and filled with scenes of poppies and lupin. Our first stop was a rest stop at Camp Far West.



On the tour was John Saylor, Erik and Cindy Linsteadt, our President Phil Lawrence and wife Barbara, Jerry and Tom Dorville, Marc and Kendall Porco, Erik Barrett, Allen Koch, Steve and Virginia Short, Debbie Bamber, Jessica (Bamber) Keeney, her three year old son Terry, Jerry and Toni Moore, Mike Bashore and Tour Leaders Gary and Susie Krezman.

We had one minor adjustment to Allen's speedster, which Eric Barrett was able to fix quickly.



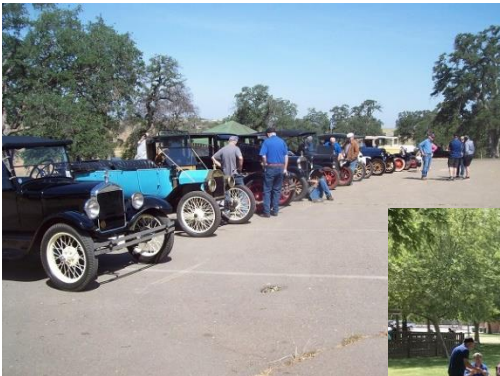
We then travelled back roads along the Bear River to Sheridan. Along the way we enjoyed the scenery of newly filled rice fields and walnut orchards and some wildlife. Once in Sheridan we got on the old Hwy 65 and made our way to Lincoln's McBean Park for a picnic Lunch. There we took our "Covid" picture with masks to mark this moment in history, which I pray we will never have to go thru again.

Debbie Bamber drove the Model A that had belonged to George and Betty Bamber. It was the first time she had driven or rode in a Model A on a Tour. Congratulations to Debbie. Her daughter, Jessica taught her how to drive the Model A. For some of us that have been around for a while, you will remember Jessica was our President in 2004 and was only 21 years old at the time. Hope to see both of you and Terry on more tours.



Thank you to Erik Barrett for driving the trouble truck. Made all of us feel so comfortable in case of a break down. Much appreciated.

Thank you to Gary for the donuts and helping me plan this tour. I promise Phil we will have donuts with sprinkles next go around.



Thank you all for making the day so enjoyable.  
Susie Krezman Vice President.







Our COVID Picture

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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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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 coming up next month, Sunday June 6. 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. We have decided to use an outside vendor for the food. This will free up folks to help with the other areas of the meet. So, come to the membership meeting on May 13 to sign up for a shift where needed or call Phil, (530)559-1440, to sign up.

What's Happening at the CAM -

# CALIFORNIA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM



## 2021 Memorial Day Car Show

The annual Memorial Day Car Show has expanded beyond the 'Vette's for Vets' theme and welcomes all makes and models of cars, trucks, motorcycles, and other interesting special interest vehicles!

*The show still benefits, highlights, and honors our Veterans, especially those who have made the greatest sacrifice for our nation.*

Register online at:

[2021 Memorial Day Car Show - California Vehicle Foundation \(flipcause.com\)](https://flipcause.com/2021-Memorial-Day-Car-Show-California-Vehicle-Foundation)

Anyone interested in making this a club event?

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## Electric Cars – Way Back Then--

Electric cars seem to be the automobile of the future, and already here today in a big way.



Ran across this interesting article on the Haggerty website about the electric car development in the early 1900's by none other than Henry Ford and his former employer, Thomas Edison. Read all about it at:

[116 years before the Mach-E](#)

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## Anniversaries And Birthdays



### May Anniversaries

No Records



### May Birthdays

Kendall Porco	3
Levi Marriott	5
Les Silveira	8
Ben Lindstedt	31

## From My Shop

By John Saylor

### Hood Prop



The hood on my 27 Tudor never seemed to want to stay up when I was making minor tweaks on the engine. It was always falling down adding scratches in the cowl paint. I had noticed that there is an accessory for Model A's to hold the hood up. I was reminded of the simple holder I had made while on the tour last week seeing the scratches on another T cowl.

I used a small piece of metal strap approximately 5/8" x 4". Drill a 1/4" hole in one end. Place a 1" length of shrink tubing over the other end, overlapping the end 1/4". Heat and let it shrink tightly on the metal strap. Approximately 1" from the end where you drilled the hole, make a bend in the strap to conform to the radiator tank.

Bolt this strap to the triangular brace where the side support meets the radiator tank. Re-check the bend to conform to the tank but not so that it touches.

Now you can raise the hood and set it safely on the insulated tip of the strap.

This same method could be used on earlier cars 16-25 but on those earlier cars the hood seems to rest on the firewall cowl lacing rather than the radiator.



## **Name Badges**

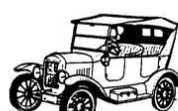
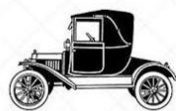
***There are new members since we last met at a regular meeting. If you want a name badge, please send me the info, first name or nick name and last name. Also, for existing members if you have lost it or needs renewing. I will have them for you at the May 13 meeting. [j99saylor@gmail.com](mailto:j99saylor@gmail.com) Let me know by May 10.***

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**In the News – There is going to be a Grass Valley Model T in the MTFCA Museum!**



***Jerry is a recent new member of the Mother Lode Model T Club***



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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.

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.

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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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