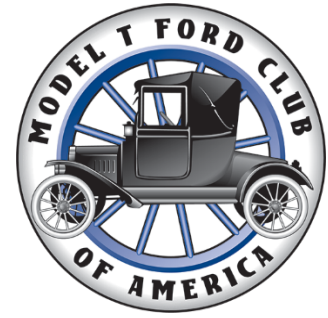




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March 2024

Presidents Message

Hi to all Members of the Mother Lode Model T Club,

Well, February sure turned out to be cold and rainy, so that means we can stay inside and fix our Model T's for the upcoming touring season which will be here before we know it.



We just completed our Clubs Annual Crab Feed, and I would like to thank everyone who attended and helped set up and tear down, as many hands make light work. I would like to give a special thanks to Elaine and to Elaine's good friend, Charmaine, Stevie and Susie for all the help in the kitchen and making sure I didn't screw anything up. Also, thank you to Sherry for making sure all the guests and members had name tags. Again, thank you to everyone for another successful Crab Feed.

The next big event will be our annual Charter Lunch on March 9th at the Ridge Golf Course and Event Center in Auburn. Susie is the Chairperson, so if you haven't signed up yet give Susie a call and get on the list to attend. This will be our 55th Charter Celebration, so don't miss

out. Also, old memorabilia is always needed and welcome for members to check out some of our past events and tours.

I have scheduled a Board Meeting for March 5th at the Mountain Mike's Pizza Parlour on Bell Road in Auburn. t 5:30 pm for pizza and 6:30 pm for the Board Meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend. One of the main topics will be the upcoming 2024 Swap Meet, in which we need committee chair people to help make this event a success. Hope to see members that want to be involved in the Swap Meet attending or you can also speak up at the next couple of Board Meetings.

We will have our Annual Safety Inspection Day coming up at the Goodell Residence on Saturday March 30, starting at 9:00am. Hope to see everyone there to get your car checked out by the experts, Eric Linstedt and Dennis Furr, two of the best in the Model T business to make your car safe and roadworthy.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for all your support and help in keeping the Mother Lode Model T Club active and I look forward to seeing you all at the March Meeting. Thank you.

Your President, *Gary Krezman*

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Next Meeting

March 14, Black Bear Diner, Auburn.
5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.
Bring a Show and Tell or old story.

Annual Charter Celebration

We will be celebrating 55 years of Model T Fun at our annual Charter Lunch, March 9, 2024. The event will be at the Ridge Golf Club, 2020 Golf Course Rd, Auburn. This is the time we celebrate our clubs' history and MTFCA Charter.

We will share some good memories and food. Social Hour at 11:00, Lunch served at 12:00. *RSVP has passed. Check with Susie for any last minute cancelations.*

Daylight Savings Time - March 10



Up Coming Events

2024

- ♦ March 5 - Board Meeting, Mountain Mike's, Auburn.
- ♦ March 9 – Charter Luncheon.
- ♦ March 14, General Meeting, Black Bear Diner, Auburn.
- ♦ March 22-23 - National Meeting, Oklahoma City. Details, Vintage Ford.
- ♦ March 30 - Safety Check. 1360 Wesley Ln. Auburn 9 am. **Note Date Change.**
- ♦ April 11 - General Meeting, Black Bear Diner, Auburn.
- ♦ April 13 - Shake Down Tour. Short country tour with lunch at The Meridan in Sun City.
- ♦ May 15-18 - Redwood Tour.
- ♦ June 2 – Mother Lode 49th Annual [Swap Meet](#).
- ♦ June 8-9– Santa Clara Speedster Endurance Run. [Details](#)
- ♦ June 16-20 -MTFCA National Tour San Diego. See Vintage Ford for info.
- ♦ Oct 6 – Old Auburn Cemetery Car Display.

Pre-War Swap Meet

May 4, 2024

The Pre-War Swap Meet has been moving around these last few years. This year it will be held at Famoso Drag Strip Swap O Rama north of Bakersfied. The flyer is attached to the email.

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Club Trivia - History

How many times has one of our club members or our club been represented on the cover of the Vintage Ford Magazine?

Jan 1992 – Jack Duncan & Roy Bunnell families at Vierra's Mine, Sierra Crest Tour.

Nov. 1990 - 2 T's crossing the Rainbow Bridge at Donner summit. 1990 National Tour.

Sept 1990 – Gil Machado's 1909 and Erick Linstead's 1919. Taken at the Bonanza Movie Set, 1990 National Tour.

The 1990 MTFCA National Tour was hosted by the Mother Lode Model T Club.

Nov. 1975 –1923 TT truck originally restored by John Saylor on rear cover.

May 1986 – John Saylor in a blue '24 roadster pickup (not his) (Kern County Club).



Annual Safety Check. (Note Date Change)

Saturday, March 30, Bring your T to 1360 Wesley Ln. Auburn, 9 am.

We will use the MTFCA Safety Check List to check out your car and make sure it's ready for another year of touring. If your car isn't running come on out and learn to do it your self, or hang out and talk T's. Bring your own lunch and drink.



Don't let this be you!

Birthdays and Anniversaries



March Anniversaries

John & Janice Saylor (50 yrs)	30
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March Birthdays

John Boorinakis	2
Christine Buscio	9
Toni Moore	9
Edward Rodriguez	11
Janice Saylor	15



Our Swap Meet Profits at Work in Our Community

From the Auburn Journal.

"On behalf of the Mother Lode Model T Club, President Gary Krezman and Treasurer Kitty Goodell visited the **Assistance League of Greater Placer** to present a check to Board Member Janice Carey.

The donation will be used specifically for the Assistance League's Community Assistance Program, which provides assistance to referred Placer County residents who may need emergency car repairs during a time of crisis.



The Mother Lode Model T Club is a non-profit organization of 50 members and their families who are Model T Ford enthusiasts. Each year, they fundraise for the community through their annual Swap Meet held the first weekend in June at the Gold Country Fairgrounds.

For more information about the Mother Lode Model T Club, visit motherlodemodelt.com.

From left, Mother Lode Model T Club President Gary Krezman presents a check to Assistance League of Greater Placer President Janice Carey, with Mother Lode Model T Club Treasurer Kitty Goodell.

Meeting Minutes - February

Secretary's Report: Junette stated there were no corrections to the Minutes of January 11th, 2024.

Treasurer's Report: Kitty shared she deposited the dues renewals and checks from the new members. The donation check was delivered to the Assistance League.

Vice President's Report: Susie reported on the Crab Feed and up and coming tours. The Safety Check will be on March 23rd at Kitty & Gordon's beginning at 9:00 am. 1360 Wesley Ln. Auburn. No lunch will be provided. The Charter Lunch will be at the Ridge on Saturday March 9th, from 11:00 am social hour and lunch will be served at 12:00pm. Shake down tour will be on April 13th. We will have a about 50 mile drive round trip. Lunch at The Meridians Restaurant located at 965 Orchard Creek Lane, Lincoln

Old Business: Gary reminded members that if they have not paid their dues they will not have their names in the roster. He thanked all who attended the Pizza Feed. Gary & Kitty took our donation to the Placer County Assistance League. Traci Newell from the Auburn Journal was again in attendance to do a write up which was in the Journal 1-12-23. Gary also contacted the Fire Department to make arrangements to deliver the donation to them. He has not made contact with the new Fire Marshall as yet.

There are Flyers for the June Swap Meet ready to be delivered to Auto Supply Stores and other locations. Please take some tonight. Erik L. is still working on a Venders Do's and Don't Flyers.

Gary shared about Dick & Wanda Johnson Memorial. Their sons Rick & Randy told about the explicit instruction that Dick gave them! He wanted a Party with an open Bar, No Funeral! The guests all shared their favorite stories about Dick and Wanda! It was a very nice remembrance!

New Business: Gary reminded the members about the Crab Feed, 5:00 Social Hour. 6:00 Dinner. Please park in the lot at the back of the building.

The Charter Lunch will be held at the Ridge on Saturday March 9th, Social Hour at 11:00, Lunch served at 12:00. The Ridge will be increasing their prices next year so we will need to find another location. Possible Awful Annie's for 2025. Safety Check March 23rd. Gary & Susie will be at the National Meeting in Oklahoma City, Ok that weekend. March 5th, Board meeting at Mt. Mikes Pizza Auburn 5:30 pizza, 6:30 Meeting. March 14th General Meeting. April 13th Shake down Tour. Junette will do the October tour. Sandra Staples will look into a tour to Secret Ravine Winery in July. Mike Bashore explained that they had a committee to design the badge for the Model-A club. Gary asked Wayne Lyndon to wear his shirt next meeting so we could see what it looked like & what the badge looks like.

The Central Valley Pre War/Brass Era Swap Meet will be held at the Famoso Drag Strip in McFarland north of Bakersfield. Saturday May 4th 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Move in May 3rd.

Show & Tell: Mark Porco Asked if any members would be willing to display their cars for a Performance of the Musical "Singing in the Rain"? The dates are February 17-18, 24-25.

Wayne Lyndon brought a tool used for testing the old type of batteries. They had a covering which the tool prongs could penetrate into each cell to take a reading of the cells. Dennis Furr brought in a collection of different Model-T keys. Stevie Furr found several cute Crab balloons to decorate at the Crab feed. Gary ordered Crab decorations on sticks to decorate the cake, also Bibbs each packaged separately. John Boorinakis shared that The Ford Company made cars for the Mennonites which were very low tech, paint only, no starter, generator or radiator shroud. The cost was \$260. He also brought a very large medallion of Henry Ford that he made from a replicate he got from Ron Brown Sr.

Our new member Ron Polglase brought in a vacuum fuel pump that attached to the firewall. It was very common on cars from the 20's & 30's.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 pm by President Krezman.

Respectfully, Junette Avey-Secretary

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Our Annual Crab Feed

Our Annual Crab Feed was held on Saturday, Feb 10, 2023 ,at the Pilots Lounge at the Auburn Airport. Breaking with tradition, it did not rain. There were 36 members and 8 guests in attendance.

Elaine Marriott and her guest, Charmaine, did a great job of setting up the appetizer table. We had a gourmet appetizer selection. Thank you to everyone who brought an appetizer to share. Then like magic Elaine and Charmaine had the table ready to go for the crab feed. There was sourdough bread, salad, a special louie sauce made by John Boorinakais, and homemade pasta provided by one of our new members, Sandy Staples. Thank you to Stevie Furr for the crab decorations for the food table. For dessert we had a Valentine cake with crabs. Also a thank you to Erik Barrett for picking up and hauling off the garbage.

There was plenty of help with set up and with clean up, many hands make light work. I would like to thank everyone who attended and pitched in where needed. It was great to see all of you. Gary Krezman, Crab Feed Chairmen.



[More pictures on our website](#)

Youngsters and Old Cars

by Mark O'Connor

On a sunny morning in February, Mark and Barb O'Connor had the privilege of sharing their "new" 1914 Model T touring car with Mrs. Onder's preschoolers.

The car is in fine, unrestored condition— more rust than paint, with that funky old car smell.

The kids proved to be bright and curious. They had a great time exploring the car, climbing all around, looking under it and at the engine.

They gave the spark and throttle rods a good workout while they took turns "driving." Despite their vigor and enthusiasm, they were not able to damage the machine.

One particularly astute young car enthusiast asked the question that we, in the hobby, have asked countless times over the years. "How come this old car stinks?" Something to ponder....

Mark and Barb look forward to sharing this funky piece of automotive history with more young folks soon. Brass cars can be a lot of fun for kids at any age.





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Dues are \$20. / Year

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Name _____ B'day Mo ____ Day ____

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