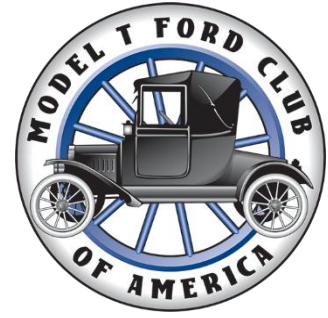




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## August 2025

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### Presidents Message



Happy August Everyone!

Seriously, I can't believe it's August already.

On a personal note, I'm currently amid a COVID infection, my first, I believe. All I can say is thank goodness for my prescription of Paxlovid. Kitty kindly picked it up at Kaiser for me yesterday. What a difference it has made in how I feel already.

Unfortunately, I missed the Breakfast Tour Saturday. I hear it was a great tour and everyone enjoyed themselves. It was certainly a great weather day.

My thanks to everyone who attended July's general meeting. We got in lots of visiting, business and, of course, eating. It was great to see some members whom we haven't seen in some time.

Congratulations to John Saylor for winning third place in the Model T Ford Club of America Newsletter Category and second place in the Website Category. Our Members, David and Becky Harrison, attended the MTFCA National Tour in Stettler, Canada and informed us of the awards that John had won. John has been a repeat winner in the past and we are so fortunate to have him as a member of our club. The work John puts into our club is amazing and we are very thankful for his participation, dedication, and knowledge. Well deserved, John!

Mark your calendars for our Ice Cream Social tour to Leatherbys in Lincoln on August 30<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

There will not be a Board Meeting this month. The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at Mountain Mikes Pizza in Auburn (5:30p dinner, 6:30p meeting). Our next General Meeting is on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at Black Bear Diner in Auburn (dinner, 5:30p, meeting 6:30p). Remember your Show and Tells for the General Meeting. I hope to see you there!

As usual, thanks for all your participation and support.

*Paula Mikles*

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## Up Coming Events – 2025



### MTFCA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

**2025 National Tour, Steam'n T Party.. Its over. See the story by Becky Harrison from our club in this issue.**

**2026 MTFCA National Tours.**

**Save the dates.**

**New York, June 22 - 26**

**Missouri, September 9 - 12**

**See more info in The Vintage Ford Magazine.**

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### Ice Cream Social Tour Aug 30

**We will be going to Leatherby's in Lincoln. Meet Raleys at 9:30 leave at 10:00. Paula and Kitty have reserved an area for us. We plan to be there when Leatherby's opens at 11:00 am. If you want to meet us there the address is 610 Twelve Bridges Drive, Lincoln.**



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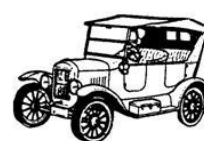
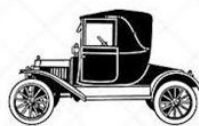
### Local Club Events - 2025

- ♦ **No Board meeting this month.**
- ♦ **Aug 14 – Monthly Meeting. Black Bear. Diner, auburn. 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.**
- ♦ **Aug 30– Ice Cream Tour to Lincoln.**
- ♦ **Sept 6 - Fall Hillclimb, by NorCal F.A.S.T.- Auburn Airport. [Details.](#)**
- ♦ **Sept 13 – Annual “Cars in the Park” San Jose, hosted by Santa Clara Valley Model T Club.**
- ♦ **Sept 20 - Picnic Tour @ Marriott's Ranch.**
- ♦ **Oct 5 – Old Auburn Cemetery Event.**
- ♦ **Oct 23-26 – The Last Round-up Tour, Regional tour by the San Diego Model T Club.**
- ♦ **Oct – Fall Tour.**
- ♦ **Dec 14 – Christmas Luncheon, The Ridge Golf Club.**

### 2026

- ♦ **Mar 29 – Charter Brunch**
- ♦ **May 30-31 – 51<sup>st</sup> Annual ML Swap Meet.**

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## Swap Meet Profit Donation

Gary and Kitty met with the Auburn Fire Department to present our clubs donation of \$2,000 from our swap meet profits. Also present was the local Ace hardware who was also making a presentation to the fire dept. Gary and Kitty drove their 26 & 27 Model T Touring's to the presentation.



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### August Anniversaries

Erik & Cindy Lindstedt	15
John & Leona Boorinakis	16
Al & Sharon Stoll	24
Allen & Maryann Koch	26

### August Birthdays

Julie Smith	9
Roman Kvapil	11
Polly Elliott	14
Stuart Lauters	16
Cindy Lindstedt	23
Terry Keeney	23
<b>Grace Aldridge (101) !*</b>	<b>26</b>
Debbie Bamber	31



**Steam' n T Party**  
**MTFCA National Tour, Stettler, Alberta, Canada**  
**July 13-18, 2025**

Just a few days on the road, a cracked windshield from flying rocks on a Montana freeway, and an easy border crossing, and one arrives in Alberta, Canada. Rolling hills of vibrant yellow canola and billowing wheat extend as far as the eye can see. Approaching Stettler, the land turns into knob and kettle terrain. There are small hills and hollows alternating in the landscape. Most of the hollows are occupied by ponds. These are the result of ancient glacial activity, the pockets of buried ice melting to form depressions in the land.

The town council of Stettler, population under 6,000, attended the welcome event on Sunday afternoon to roll out the red carpet to the tour members who brought 54 cars to the event. We had music and refreshments as we visited with old friends and new, then learned about the activities for the upcoming week.

Monday's steady rain made for some unpleasant driving conditions, especially for those without the luxury of roll-up windows, but participants braved the rough road for the 65-mile drive to Drumheller. After a damp burger BBQ at the Drumheller Ford dealership, we shuttled to the Royal Tyrell Museum along with hundreds of other tourists eager to get out of the rain. Here you could learn everything you ever wanted to know about dinosaurs and then some. Dinosaur skeletons of every shape and size left you grateful to be living in a different era.

What would be more appropriate than visiting a place called Ford's Farmstead? Tuesday morning took us a short distance from Stettler to savor some tasty ice cream, browse the small market, pet the farm animals, and check out the not-so-rustic wood or canvas cabins available for rent. After fueling up with that yummy treat, we headed to the other side of town to catch a ride on the Alberta Prairie Railway. The 22-mile train ride gave us a leisurely view of the countryside until suddenly we were under attack! There was a shootout with the train robbers on horseback prevailing. A gun-toting masked bandit forced us to give up our cash before releasing us to proceed to our destination. Phew! At the end of the line was Big Valley where we explored a 1912 Canadian Northern railway station, a blue church on a hill (painted blue because the paint was free and they couldn't afford to buy white paint), and a collection of museums displaying hand tools, autos, and more. Here we were fed a dinner of steak, beans, baked potatoes as big as your plate, salad, and dessert to settle our nerves for the ride back to Stettler.

The Ford dealership in Stettler wanted to extend their hospitality, so they provided a burger BBQ in Wednesday's sunny yet windy weather. Afterwards, we drove to Stettler's Town and Country Museum. Our cars were on display and the public was invited to visit. The pioneer village contained eleven historic buildings from schoolhouses, to smithies, to storefronts, and homes that we perused throughout the afternoon. For such a small community, they had lots of memorabilia on display. For extra entertainment, there was a Model T teeter totter that stumped most of the brave souls that dared to give it a try. One tour member tried multiple times, finally getting out of his car and trying to reach a balancing point by slowly inching his body forward. All to no avail. We were supplied with a yummy pulled pork dinner with individual pies in various flavors.

A 78-mile drive northwest of Stettler took us to Wetaskiwin on Thursday where the Reynolds-Alberta Museum is located. While operating a car dealership, Stan Reynolds accumulated a collection of vehicles and farm machinery some of which is on display. The signage in this museum is excellent. A larger collection of vehicles remains in the warehouse. We were allowed 20 supervised minutes to view the warehouse collection – 4 rows stacked three high – of various makes and models. Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame is also part of this museum.

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(National Tour, Continued)

Friday was a day of leisure. A drive of 75 miles round trip took us northwest of Stettler to Bashaw where we visited a small private auto collection while munching on ice cream sandwiches. A bit farther down the road and we arrived at Buffalo Lake. Hold on to your hats! The wind was stronger than ever here. Lawn games were brought out for entertainment followed by a pulled pork lunch. Tour members didn't stick around long after that as everyone wanted to get back to the hotel to load up for the drive home and prepare for the closing banquet which was held within walking distance of the hotel at Stettler's Recreation Center. Here we had time for final visits, a tasty meal of Alberta beef, cooked vegetables, and a variety of interesting salads. (Cowboy coleslaw anyone?) Door prizes were won, trophies were awarded, and the committee was thanked for their outstanding tour organization efforts.

All week long we felt welcomed by the friendly Canadians who showed us such generous hospitality. Our cars even garnered the interest of the local Hutterites. One couple stopped as they were driving by on Tuesday morning. The wife said the sight of the cars "made her husband's blood boil" and he just had to get out to examine each car.

The drive home was clearer as a new windshield had been installed by one of Stettler's glass shops at a very reasonable price.

Congratulations to John Saylor for his role in the MLMTC winning 3rd place in the newsletter category, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the website category among all MTFCA chapters!

-Becky Harrison

### *MTFCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Website*



## MTFCA 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Newsletter



### *Beat The Heat Breakfast Tour*

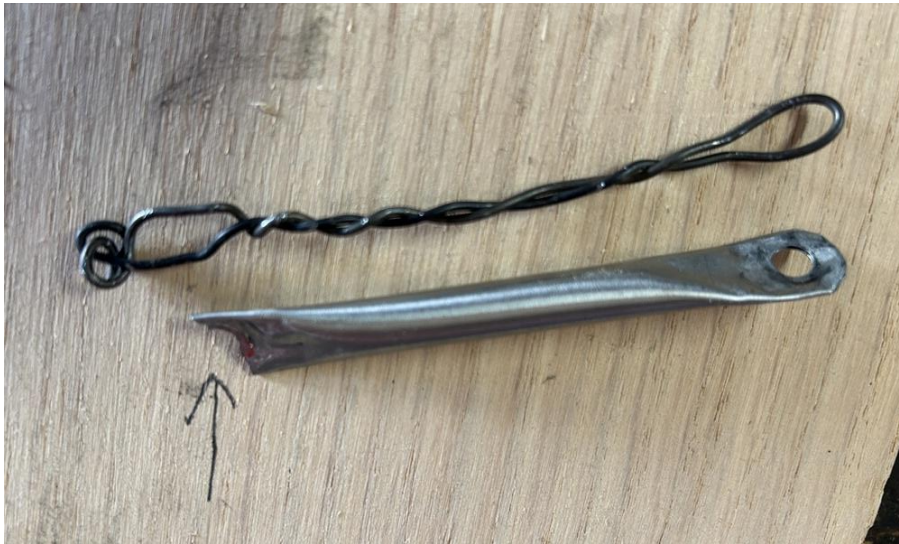
**We held our annual 'Beat the Heat' breakfast tour Saturday, July 26. Six T's, 2 A's and a couple of moderns met at Raley's super market in Auburn, Ca. at 7:30 am. We drove about 20 miles up the hill to the historic Gold Mining and Rail Road Town of Colfax, Ca. We enjoyed breakfast on the patio at Three Pines Bistro.(Formerly Dine N Dash). The owners have redecorated both the inside and the outside patio. We had a good time visiting. Those attending were Tour leaders, Gordon & Kitty Goodell, Jerry & Toni Moore, Junette Avey, John Saylor, Allen Koch, Eric & Sandy Staples with, Ron Polglase, Ed & Sherry Rodriguez, Christ Instness, and Rich & Julie Instness with their daughter Kristin and her two children.**

**After breakfast we toured a different route back to Auburn and areas beyond to be home before the heat sets in. Although this year we had a cooler than normal July.**



## Bailing Wire to the Rescue

*Coming home from the breakfast tour, on Bowman Rd. as we approached Bell Rd, my car wouldn't idle down. I was stuck in wide open throttle. I shut it off and coasted to the side of the road. I opened the hood only to see a short homemade link dangling, not connected to the Carb. My Tudor has a Winfield Model S Carburetor and foot throttle and along with the "over the top" 27 factory throttle linkage requires some home brew linkage. Well, a short home brew link wore through one of the holes causing it to disconnect. While looking through my tool box hoping to find something to repair it, Gordon appears with a roll of 'Bailing Wire'. I was able to quickly fabricate a piece of wire to temporarily get me back on the road.*



Thanks Gordon for sharing your bailing wire. I have put mine back in the tool box!

## Beat the Heat Photos





**More Breakfast Tour  
Pictures. Thanks to Allen &  
Chris for submitting photos.**





# Meeting Minutes

**Mother Lode Model-T Club**

**Call to Order: 6:30 pm**

**By President: Paula Mikles**

**Paula:** It is good to see everybody this evening, especially some members who have not attended in a while.

**Secretary:** Junette, No corrections to the minutes. Minutes were approved.

**Treasury:** Kitty shared the present amounts of the Clubs Treasury accounts. She also states that she filed the CA Statement of Information Form SI100. The Treasury is solvent. She also shared her adventure of going to the Fire Department for the issuing of the donation check. There were 8 or 9 Firemen present plus the representative from Ace Hardware who also donated. The club members cars were all backed in ready for pictures. She was nervous about backing her T into a spot. Gary offered to do it for her, probably at Susie's urging. Unfortunately, the Auburn Journal did not show up to take pictures. There was a table with all the equipment that were purchased with the donation. Also, Ace Hardware gave them a discount on some equipment.

**Vice President:** Susie asked Paula to give the updates on the next tours. Gary & Susie would be gone for this meeting. The Beat the Heat Tour will be on July 26th. Meet at Raley's at 7:30 am, leave at 8:00. John S. shared that he was contacted by the Editor of the Vintage Ford Magazine. They would like an article about the "Beat the Heat Tour" for their next issue. The Ice Cream Social will be August 30th. This may change depending on the weather because Leatherby's in Lincoln does not open until 11:00 am. More information to come. We are looking forward to the Marriott's tour & picnic September 20th. Sign up sheet will be available at the August meeting.

**Old Business:** Gary has volunteered to do the 50/50. 50% will be for the club members. 25% each will go to 2 ticket winners. Paula thanked Julie for putting on the Tea Affair. The ladies who attended greatly enjoyed the event.

**New Business:** John S. shared that the National Club has a Link on their web site to print copies of all the Clubs News Letters. The members voted that it should not include our minutes, just our activities. Paula asked the members if they would rather do paper votes for Club issues or are they ok with raise of hands? Members thought raise of hands was fine. John S will order Name Badges for new members & anyone who needs a new one.

**Show & Tell:** Junette shared information that Sears at one time sold cars. John said he saw a Tractor at show in Arizona that had a 30's Model-A engine. The owner said that Sears Tractor Company built the tractor's but bought the engines from Ford. Erik B. Shared a tool he thought was used for holding Pedal Bands back in the Transmission so repairs can be made. John B. brought a model of a Pelton Wheel which was used to replace a motor by the force of water. They were used in mining. It looked like a water wheel. The Knight Foundry has ones that are 6 feet across & still uses them today. Paula read on her Apple News site that the Model-T only came in Black was a myth. The years between 1914 & 1925 the cars could only be bought in Black for product manufacturing efficiency. The years before & after they were available in blue, red, gray & green. One of the members shared that the painting was done over a trough so the paint could be collected to reuse. Gary & Susie took many photo albums of Club events over to Paula. She wondered if the members would like to see them? It was suggested that they could be viewed at the Marriott's event & also the Charter Luncheon.

Next Meetings: Board Meeting August 12<sup>th</sup>, Mt Mikes Pizza. 5:30 Meeting 6:30.

General Meeting August 14th Black Bear Dinner: Dinner 5:30 Meeting 6:30.

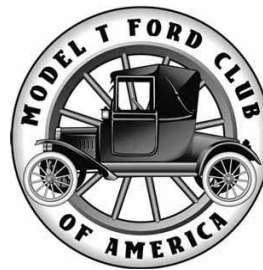
**Meeting Adjourned: 7:04 pm**

**By President: Paula Mikles**

**Respectfully: Junette Avey, Secretary**



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