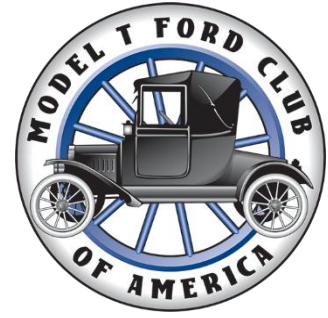




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December 2025

Presidents Message

Hi everyone,
This is my last article for 2025 and I can't believe how quickly this year has passed. It seems like Thanksgiving came and went in the blink of an eye.

Thanks to all who braved the horribly rainy weather to attend the November General Meeting. Check out the minutes of the meeting in this newsletter to catch up on what was discussed.

I look forward to celebrating the holiday season with everyone who has signed up to attend what has now turned into a Christmas Buffet at the Ridge on December 14th. Social hour starts at 11:30a, lunch at 12:30p.

Remember that we are in a different room and, if you're able, bring an unopened gift for the Chips for Kids Toy Drive taking place that same day. I'm looking forward to a day of great food and warm fellowship.

Mark your calendars for the President's Pizza Feed on Saturday, January 17th. More info to follow.

There are no T Club meetings in December. The next Board Meeting is on Tuesday, January 6th and the next General Meeting is on Thursday, January 8th.

As usual, thank you to our club members for your incredible support and participation as we continue to keep the Mother Lode Model T Club thriving. I'd also like to give a special thank you to all our Officers and Board Members for your hard work and dedication throughout this year. What you do keeps our club flourishing. It is a privilege to be a member of this Board.

Everyone have a great Christmas!



Paula Mikles

Up Coming Events – 2025-26

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MTFCA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

2026 MTFCA National Regional Tours.

Save the dates.

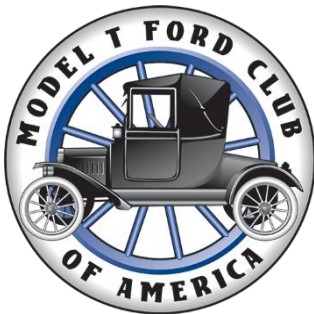
♦ Lake George, NY, June 22 – 26.

♦ Missouri, September 9 - 12 .

See more info in The Vintage Ford Magazine.

MTFCA Dues

Don't forget to renew your National MTFCA Dues. You should have received a notice in your most recent Vintage Ford Magazine.



Our local charter and insurance depend on having a minimum of 50% of our members also be members of the MTFCA. There are many good stories and tech tips in every issue.

Dues-Dues It's Dues Time!

Local Club Events – 2025-26

♦ Dec 14 – Christmas Luncheon, The Ridge Golf Club.

2026

♦ Jan 6 - Board meeting Mt. Mikes Pizza, Auburn. 5:30 Eat, 6:30 Meeting.

♦ Jan 8 – Monthly Meeting. Black Bear. Diner, Auburn. 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.

♦ Jan 17 – President's Pizza Feed.

♦ Jan 24-25 - Turlock Swap Meet

♦ Feb – Annual Crab Feed

♦ Mar 29 – Charter Brunch.

♦ April – Shake Down Tour.

♦ May 1-2 – Bakersfield Pre-War Swap Meet – Minter Field.

♦ May 30-31 – 51st Annual ML Swap Meet.

♦ June 6-7 - 55th Annual Endurance Run & Low land Tour. Santa Clara Valley Model T Club

♦ July – Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour.

♦ Aug – Ice Cream Social

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Birthdays and Anniversaries



December Anniversaries

Rich & Julie Instness	2
Gary & Susie Krezman	4

December Birthdays

Leona Boorinakis	7
Bill Finkbeiner	9
Wayne Lyndon	15
Maryann Koch	23
Chris Instness	27
Jessica Keeney	31
Junette Avey	31



Steve Short – Received notice that Steve had recently passed away from complications of Alzheimer's. Steve was an active member of the club along with his wife, Virginia. Steve was our secretary from 2015-2020. No other information on services at this time.

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Dues-Dues It's Dues Time!

The year is coming to an end soon. It is time to renew your club dues for 2026. At the September membership meeting, members voted to increase the yearly dues to from \$20 to \$30 due to increased costs to run the club. Per our By-Laws, dues are due by December 31 each year and delinquent January 31. Please mail your check for \$30, along with any changes to your phone, address, or email, to Mother Lode Model T Club, PO Box 4901, Auburn, CA. 95604. If you are paying with cash at the meeting, please have the exact amount.

Please do not delay. Time is needed after the first of the year to compile the roster and send to the MTFCA to recertify our chapter insurance and status.



Christmas Luncheon

Our 2025 Christmas Lunch at The Ridge in Auburn is coming up on Sunday, December 14th. Social hour will be at 11:30a, with lunch beginning at 12:30pm.

The RSVP date was extended until November 26 due to the menu change to a Buffet. You should have received the email with the details. Remember to please bring an unwrapped toy for the Chips for Kids Toy Drive. There will be barrels in which to place your unwrapped toy.

To get to our dining room, after you enter the main Ridge doors, you will go to your right and down the hall to our dining room in the main ballroom.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas Lunch this year. It's always such a fun holiday event as we all get together to share great conversation, memories and food.

Blast from the Past. When and where was this taken? Answer in this issue.



Meeting Minutes

**Mother Lode Model-T Club
General Meeting Minutes
Black Bear Dinner, Auburn CA
November 13th, 2025**

Called to Order: 6:33 pm by President Mikles.

Secretary: Junette reports no corrections to the October 9th minutes. Junette also read two letters from the Model T Ford Club of America congratulating John Saylor on his award of 2nd place for his excellent work on the Club Website. John also was awarded 3rd place for one of the best newsletters in the Model T Ford Club of America.

Treasurer: Kitty reported the income from dues paid & club expenses paid. Also, the amount of Charity donations awarded from the earnings of the 2025 swap meet. The donations went to the California Automobile museum, the Piquette Museum, the Assistance League of Greater Placer County. Additionally, a donation will also be made to the Model T Ford Club of America when they have a matching event in December.

Vice President: Susie reported on the Fall Tour to the Dutch Flat Hotel. It was a beautiful drive and a delicious lunch. Our Model-T's and some from the Sacramento Club who had joined us were lined up in front for pictures. The next day Susie's daughter called her & said the Hotel is on fire. Fortunately. it was only in the dryer. The Hotel will also be having a Photographer for Christmas Pictures this year. The Pizza Feed will be held on January 17th from 1-3. at Mt Mikes. Two tours, so far for next year are the Beat the Heat & The Ice Cream Social.

Old Business: Swap meet. John arranged with Cruise & News to have 2 quarter page ads in the April & May issues with a business card size ad in the March issue. Gary will take care of the contract & the non-profit application from the Fair Grounds.

Paula reminded members about the Christmas Luncheon at the Ridge on December 14th at 11:30. We will be in a different room this year as they are having a CHIPS for Kid's Toy Drive. Because of the room change the Ridge is not charging us a room charge. Paula suggested we bring an unwrapped toy to donate. The reservations for the Luncheon must be to Paula by November 25th.

Do not forget to pay your \$30. club membership dues.

New Business: Paula - The Board has been working hard this year to balance the Club's finances. With the costs of everything going up it is necessary for all of us to look for ways to cut back our spending. That goes for the club as well, so we are looking for ways to accomplish that without giving up the events we enjoy. We want to be sure we are doing things correctly regarding spending charity funds verses non-charity funds.

The Board decided to go to a CPA well known & liked in Auburn. The cost is over what can be spent without the members approval. Gary made the motion, John & Junette second it, the members approved the motion. By seeking official information, we can be clear as a 501(c7) that we are spending our funds correctly. It was also agreed that the swap meet fund should be kept in a separate account.

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(Minutes, continued)

Show & Tell: Jim brought an object that is a Babbit Jig. He also shared a book that was written by his neighbors' family member from way back. The book is "Go West Young Man". John B brought a safety tool to break a window, cut a seat belt & also had a flashlight. Gary & Susie attended the

Nevada Day Parade in Carson City - There were 250 participants in the parade including our member Erik B in his old Model-T Truck, with his wife Julie, Bobby W. & Others. The participants were tossing candy & Gary resorted to using his chair sock to contain his haul. Erik L. shared that a 28 Buick Master Sports Coup was donated to the CAM. It needs a lot of restoration & the CAM does not have room for it. The 50/50 winners were Roman & Cindy.

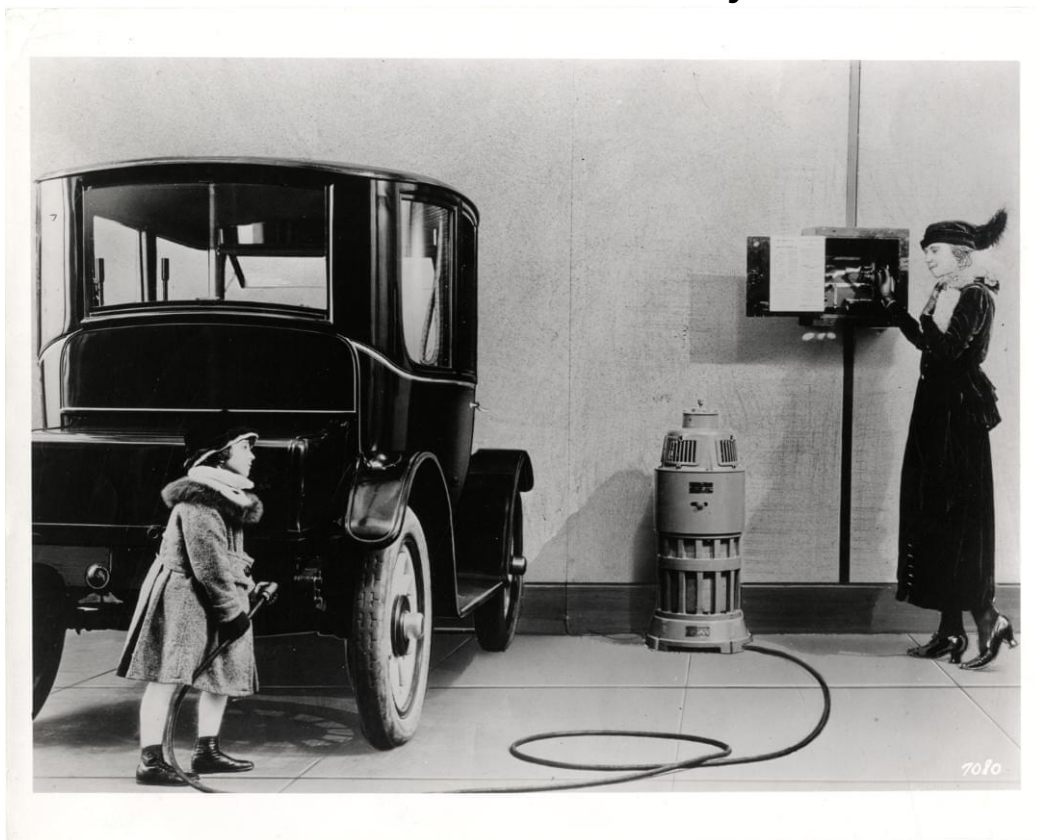
Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm

By President Mikles

Respectfully: Junette Avey-Secretary

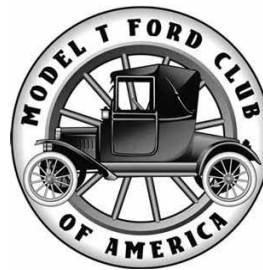
Blast from the Past: The Mary Aaron Museum, Marysville, Ca. April 6, 2013

Will there be an Electric Car in your future?





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