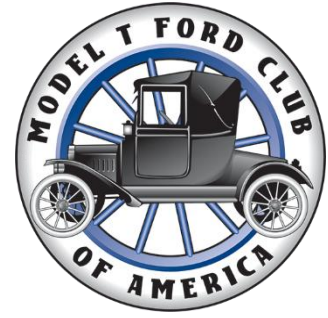




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Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club
Celebrating 56 Years of Model T Fun
<https://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

February 2025

Presidents Message



Hi everyone. As I'm typing this, I'm looking out at the beautiful weather we've had for the last few weeks. It's been quite cold at times but so clear and beautiful. Rain is in our future forecast and I hope it brings a healthy amount, as we certainly need it. My thoughts and prayers are with all those who have suffered the tremendous tragedies of the LA fires. I send heartfelt and grateful thanks to all the first responders who take their lives in their hands and work tirelessly long hours to assist in the many needs of the affected communities.

Speaking of community needs, Gary has reached out to the Auburn Fire Department to donate \$2,000 to them from our club. That donation is currently in the works. Kitty has already made our \$1,000 donation to the Assistance League of Placer County. Thanks to both Gary and Kitty

for making that happen.

Coincidentally, a few days after our donation to the Assistance League, I stopped by their thrift shop to donate some items. As I was going in the door, a woman and another person were coming out the door. One of them said "aren't you with the car club"? I said, yes, I was with the Mother Lode Model T Club. She told me she remembered me and my sister making a donation to them at another time. She accompanied me back in the door and told other people in the shop who I was and how much they appreciated our donations. I told her, unfortunately, we weren't able to donate quite as much this year. She told me they were so grateful to get any donation. It was really something to see how excited she was to tell other people about our generosity. Now that is giving back to the community!

The President's Pizza Feed was a great success and I appreciate everyone who attended and made it such a nice afternoon. We had a full house and lots of pizza was eaten while everyone visited with each other. I did make it a point to greet everyone who attended, but I was asked, after many people left, if I was going to say anything to the group. I guess I was so busy making sure everyone had what they needed and visiting with everyone, that it never dawned on me to say something to the entire group. Well, it takes a village to bring this new President up to snuff. You guys keep me on my toes and I'll catch up. Thanks to you all again.

In regards to member dues, at our last General Meeting, we took a vote and passed a motion to charge a \$10 late fee to any member whose dues haven't been paid by January 15th of the New Year, beginning with our 2026 dues. As of this date we still have four members who have not renewed their 2025 dues. Their names will be coming off our roster very soon.

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We also had a discussion at the last General Meeting about the shirts we are ordering through Car Club Shirts.com. Some members have received shirts that are obviously not the size they ordered. John Saylor checked and he was advised that any member who has an issue with the shirt they received should check their original order for contact information and advise the seller of their concerns. Shirts can be returned for refund or the correct size.

The flyer went out to the club, via email, for the Crab Feed on Saturday, February 15th, hosted by Gary and Susie Krezman. Social hour starts at 5pm with dinner at 6pm. Cost is \$25 for members and \$60 for guests. Gary and Susie put on a great crab feed every year and appreciate any help with set up and/or clean up others can give. Remember to bring an appetizer. Paid reservations are DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 8th. Let's make this fun event another success! Please see the flyer in this newsletter.

A couple of other dates coming up are the Charter Lunch on Saturday, March 1st, at the Ridge, put on by Susie Krezman and the Shakedown Tour on Saturday, April 12th. Susie Krezman and Toni Moore are busy planning that tour, our first one in 2025. Thanks, ladies, for all your work in making these events happen for our club.

Our next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11th, at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Auburn. Pizza at 5:30pm and meeting at 6:30pm. All are invited, as usual. Our next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13th, at Black Bear Diner in Auburn. Dinner at 5:30pm and Meeting at 6:30pm. We had a great turnout at last month's General Meeting and I hope to see a good turnout for the February General Meeting, as it's always a great opportunity to share ideas about the future of our club and what's going on with our "T's". Please remember to bring anything you want to share.

Speaking of sharing, I'd like to extend a special thank you to Erik Lindstedt for his thoughtful and extremely interesting presentation at our last General Meeting about women during the early 1900's and their dedication to the Suffrage Movement. He shared stories of women's use of early motor vehicles and their amazing accomplishments while driving and touring in the vehicles during those early years. Erik's platform for his presentation was to recognize our club now having a completely female board of officers. His presentation prompted other stories from our members of other women during those years and their motoring adventures during that era in our history. Thanks again, Erik, and others for introducing us to such interesting and fascinating information.

That's all I have for now. I'd like to thank everyone for all your support, participation and guidance, not only for me personally, but for the Mother Lode Model T Club. Have a great month!

Paula



Up Coming Events - 2025

MTFCA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

June 4, 2025 - June 7, 2025

[Homecoming at the Model T Museum](#)

*Model T Museum 309 N 8th Street,
Richmond, IN, United States*

July 13-18, 2025 – MTFCA National Tour –
Alberta, Canada.

See more info in The Vintage Ford Magazine.



Happy Valentines Day

Local Club Events - 2025

♦ Feb 11 – Board Meeting, Mtn Mikes Pizza..
5:30 dinner, 6:30 Meeting.

♦ Feb 13 - General Meeting, Black Bear
Diner, Auburn. 5:30 dinner, 6:30 Meeting.

♦ Feb 15 – Annual Crab Feed. RSVP
attached. RSVP by Feb 8.

♦ Mar 1 - Charter Celebration
Luncheon, at The Ridge.

♦ April 12 – Shake Down Tour.

♦ June 1 – Mother Lode 50th Annual
Swap Meet. Gold Country Fairgrounds.

♦ June 6-7 - Santa Clara Valley 54th
Annual Speedster Endurance Run &
Lowland tour. [Details.](#)

♦ July – Beat-The-Heat Breakfast Tour.

♦ Dec 14 – Christmas Luncheon.

Next Meeting

Our next General member meeting will be Thursday, February 13, Black Bear Diner, Auburn. 5:30 dinner, 6:30 meeting. Bring a Show-and-Tell or T story.

Crab Feed

Come join us for Mother Lode Model T Club CRAB FEED.

Saturday – FEBRUARY 15, 2025. Social time 5 PM & Dinner 6 PM

Barn Stormer, 13626 New Airport Rd., Auburn, CA 95602

See the attached flyer for details and **RSVP by February 8.**



Its Dues Time

The date to renew your membership has passed. Per our By-Laws, dues are due by December 31 each year. So, if you plan to continue your membership, please mail your check for \$20, along with any changes to your phone, e-mail, or PO address, to Mother Lode Model T Club, PO Box 4901, Auburn, CA. 95604 or pay the treasurer at the meeting.

The official Roster will be compiled after the Feb 13 meeting. Anyone not paid will be dropped from the roster and newsletter mail list.

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

Do not Let Your National Membership Lapse!

Also check your Vintage Ford. It may be time to renew your MTFCA membership. Our MTFCA Chapter status and liability insurance depends on having 50% of our members also be MTFCA members.

Late Dues 2026. Please note that at the January meeting a motion was made and passed to assess a \$10 late fee for any one renewing after January 15, 2026.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



February Anniversaries

Bruce & Mindy Ingram	14
Eric & Sandra Staples	27

February Birthdays

Darren Saylor	1
Scott Fabel	6
Loren Keeney	11
Kitty Goodell	18
Dianne Slattery	24

John Saylor	22
Jerry Moore	25
Steve Straw	26
Bruce Ingram	28



Web Site Updates

Members Cars – We have a Members Cars section on our club website. www.motherlodemodelt.com. Please check the Members Cars tab for your car. If you have sold or purchased another car or want to add yours, please let me know. Send me a picture if you want to add your car. Email j99saylor@gmail.com or text 916-202-5842.

Charter Luncheon – March 1

We will be celebrating our 56th anniversary as a chartered chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. Our club was founded by five Auburn area Model T enthusiasts in March of 1969. Those five “Founding Fathers” were Gil Machado, Ron Brown Sr. Cliff Hyatt, Harry Sands, and Bob Nowack.

See the attached flyer to RSVP and celebrate this rich club history.

Pizza Feed

We had a good turn out to our annual Pizza Feed. These pictures tell the story.



Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model-T Club
General Meeting Minutes
Called to Order: 6:30 pm
By President Paula Mikles

Our New President Paula, greeted the members (28 in attendance) and shared that she and Gary switched places. She accepted the President position in Honor of her father Lewis Burcher who was President for 5 yrs. All other positions remained the same. She also noted that the She, Kitty, Susie & Junette (by marriage to Ron) are all second generation club members.

Secretary: Junette reported no corrections to the November 14th, 2024 Minutes. Approved as written.

Treasurer: Kitty reported she renewed our National Liability Insurance. The Treasury is Solvent. A discussion was held explaining that to be eligible for the Insurance we must have 50% of our members in the National Club. Also it is important for members to pay their dues on time so their names will be on the roster to document that we have 50%. John Saylor shared that many clubs charge a late fee. It was discussed and voted that starting next year there will be a \$10. late fee.

Vice President: Susie shared the up coming events. There will be a memorial for Charter Member Naomi Edmonds who passed away in November. It will be held at Canyon View Community Center, Thursday January 16th from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Paula asked for a moment of Silence in honor of Naomi. The Presidents Pizza Feed will be held January 18th at Mt. Mikes Pizza on Bell Rd. in Auburn from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. March 1st the Charter Luncheon will be held at the Ridge 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Susie & Toni are planning the Shake-down tour for April 12th.

Old Business: Paula thanked those who attended the Christmas Party. John Saylor checked on the Small Shirts. Each person must contact the manufacturer. Go to "CarClubTShirts.com", on the right side of their page click on the little figure for the manufacturer's information.

Erik & Gary agreed to continue planning the Swap Meet. Eric stated that Gary has kept great records on the planning. They are working on getting the paperwork needed for the 20% discount on the Fair Grounds.

The Board decided that the Funds from the 2024 event would be donated to the Auburn Fire Department (\$2000.) & Assistance League of Placer County (\$1000.).

New Business: Gary shared that having the Crab Feed will depend on the availability of getting the room at the Airport this year. John thanked Dennis for the article he contributed for the News Letter about his Depot Hack. John invited other members to contribute their car stories as well.

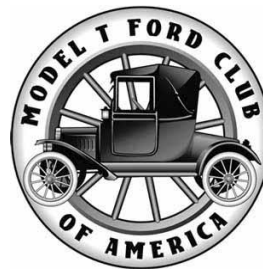
Show & Tell: Erik L. spoke about "Women in the History of Cars". Women were driving before they received the right to vote. In 1908 Alice Ramsey, 22 yrs old spent the summer driving 6000 miles on dirt roads after her husband John bought her a Maxwell. **Then** a publicist for the Maxwell-Brisco Company in 1909 proposed she drive across the U.S. He provided a new car and all expenses paid. She & three companions drove from New York to San Francisco, 3600 miles. During the Suffrage Movement in 1916, Nell Richardson & Alice Snitjer Burke encouraged women to support the cause. They drove 10,000. miles in their Golden Flyer-Saxon Roadster, donated by the Saxon Motor Company. They were gifted a small black kitten to keep them company. They named the kitten Saxon.

Debbie Bamber shared about a 16 year old Canadian girl using the name Aloha Wanderwell (Idris Galcia Hall). She was the first women to drive around the world. Driving a 1918 Model-T Ford she traveled across 80 Countries over a five-year period (1922 to1927). Besides all these other incredible women, Mary Anderson in 1903 invented the first windshield wiper.

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 pm
by President Paula Mikles
Respectfully: Junette Avey Secretary



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Mother Lode Model T Club Membership Application

Dues are \$20. / Year

New ☐ Renewal ☐ -- Renewals Due Dec 31

Name _____ B'day Mo ____ Day ____

Spouse _____ B'day Mo ____ Day ____

Anniversary Mo. ____ Day ____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Email _____

Email Spouse _____

Yr. & Body Style of your T _____

Running ☐ Licensed ☐ Insured ☐

MTFCA Member - ☐ Member No. _____

The Model T Ford Club of America

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 are \$50.00 payable to:

The Model T Ford Club of America
309 North 8th Street, Richmond, In. 47375-0996
Telephone: (765) 373-3106.

See www.mtfca.com



COME JOIN US FOR THE Mother Lode Model T Club CRAB FEED

Saturday - FEBRUARY 15, 2025
SOCIAL HOUR 5 PM & DINNER 6 PM
Barn Stormer
13626 New Airport Rd., Auburn, CA 95602

COST: Members: \$25 each. Guests: \$60 per person. Make checks payable to Mother Lode Model T Club & send them to Gary Krezman. Checks must be received no later than February 8, 2025, and there are no refunds or additions allowed after that date.

Gary Krezman
3950 Todd Rd., Auburn, CA 95602
916-599-0059 (garykrezman@gmail.com)

Salad, bread, water, soda and cake will be provided. Cake provided for dessert by the club, so your contribution for the potluck is any appetizer.

PLEASE NOTE: bring your own choice of drink if you want anything other than water or soda. Alcoholic beverages are allowed in the facility, and you may bring your own.



IMPORTANT!! Don't forget to write below or phone Gary with the total number in your group so we order enough crab! Also indicate how you will participate by stating what you will bring, and how you will help. We need help with set up (putting newspapers on table, bibs at each seat, lining shell cans) and clean up.

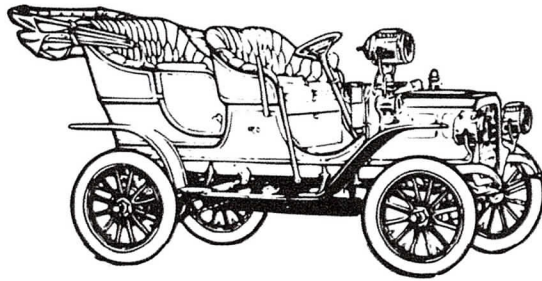
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NAMES _____

TOTAL IN YOUR GROUP ATTENDING _____

TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED FOR MEMBERS & GUESTS \$ _____

What appetizer will you bring? How will you help (set-up, cleanup, etc.)?



MOTHER LODGE MODEL T CHARTER
56TH CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

DATE: MARCH 1, 2025
11AM NO HOST SOCIAL HOUR
12PM PLATED LUNCH

WHERE: THE RIDGE GOLF CLUB AND EVENTS CENTER
2020 GOLF COURSE ROAD, AUBURN, CA

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR MEAL SELECTIONS
AND A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO THE MOTHER LODGE MODEL T CLUB
TO: SUSIE KREZMAN 3950 TODD ROAD, AUBURN, CA 95602

ALL RESERVATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 17, 2025

MENU CHOICES: VEGETARIAN DISHES AVAILABLE

ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST WITH GREEN & RED GRAPES, BASIL,
TOASTED ALMONDS & SANGIOVESE BEURRE ROUGE SAUCE

SLOW ROASTED PORK LOIN WITH WHOLE GRAIN MUSTARD JUS

MIXED GREEN SALAD, ROLL AND BUTTER, COFFEE AND TEA

CLUB WILL PROVIDE A CAKE AND TRIPLE CHOCOLATE CHIP BROWNIE

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RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH LUNCH SELECTION AND NUMBER ATTENDING

NAME _____ NUMBER ATTENDING _____

ROASTED CHICKEN	\$25.00 MEMBER PRICE _____	\$50.00 GUEST PRICE _____
SLOW ROASTED TRI TIP	\$25.00 MEMBER PRICE _____	\$50.00 GUEST PRICE _____