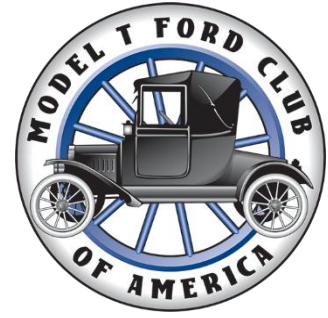




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Monthly Newsletter of the
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May 2025

Presidents Message



Hi everyone,

I hope you all had a great Easter. The weather certainly gave us a beautiful day to enjoy time with family and friends.

We had a great General Meeting in April. Club members voted to bring back the 50/50 raffle. Nobody volunteered to run the raffle at our General Meetings, so we're still looking for someone to volunteer. Without a coordinator, we will not be able to hold the raffles. More information about the raffle can be found in the meeting minutes in this issue of the newsletter. I encourage you all to read the meeting minutes in each newsletter to be familiar with club activities, votes, etc. I don't cover everything in my newsletter article.

I hear the combined Safety Check/Shakedown Tour planned by Susie was very successful. Unfortunately, I was unable to be there, as I injured my back. I was very disappointed to miss it. The weather was so beautiful that day.

I can't believe how the year is flying by. It's May already! Our club's 50th annual Swap Meet is on the 1st of next month. Gary Krezman and Erik Lindstedt are busy with all the work it takes to plan and put on this event. Volunteers are always needed to help with various duties, including May 31st for setting up. If you can volunteer, please contact either Gary or Erik.

Our next Board Meeting is May 6th at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Auburn. Our next General Meeting is May 8th at Black Bear Diner in Auburn. Both meetings are important with our Swap Meet so close. Members are welcome to attend both Board and General Meetings. Please remember to bring your Show and Tell to the General Meeting.

Everyone, have a great May and, as always, my thanks for your support and encouragement and support of the Mother Lode Model T Club.

Paula Mikles

Up Coming Events – 2025

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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.

Home Made Pie- 1983 Swap Meet



Local Club Events - 2025

- ♦ May 6 – Board Mtg-swap meet planning.
5:30, Dinner, 6:30, Mtg. Mt. Mikes, Auburn
- ♦ May 8 – Monthly Meeting. Black Bear
Diner, auburn. 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.
- ♦ May 17 – Tour to Rio Linda Farm & Tractor
Days. Dry Creek Ranch House. Rio Linda.
- ♦ May 31 – Swap Meet Set-up. Early
vendor check- in.
- ♦ June 1 – Mother Lode 50th Annual Swap
Meet. Gold Country Fairgrounds. – [Details](#)
- ♦ June 6-7 - Santa Clara Valley 54th
Annual Speedster Endurance Run &
Lowland tour. [Details.](#)
- ♦ June 19 – Afternoon Tea. Flyer attached
- ♦ July 26– Beat-The-Heat Breakfast Tour.
- ♦ Aug – Ice Cream Social.
- ♦ Sept 20 - Picnic Tour @ Marriott's Ranch.
- ♦ Oct – Fall Tour.
- ♦ Dec 14 – Christmas Luncheon, The Ridge
Golf Club.



FLASH BACK -

*Shake Down Tour
April 2006*

17th Annual Gil Machado Memorial Shake Down Tour

By Susie Krezman

On April 12, 2025 The Mother Lode Model T Club had a short safety check. Thank you to Chris Instness, Dennis Furr, Mark O'Connor and Eric Lindstedt for all your help in taking the lead on the Safety Check. Nine cars left the parking lot at Raley's for a short drive down Bell Road and Mt Vernon Road to Baxter Grade where we picked up Jerry, Toni & Lexus. From there we drove down Gold Hill, Fruitvale, Virginiatown and Ridge Road. We headed to Burgers and Cream where we had hamburgers and enjoyed some social time. We were able to line up all the cars in the parking lot, it was a great display. The Sacramento Valley Model T Club joined us again this year, appreciate them making the trip from the Sacramento area to help us kick off our touring season.

Thank you all for attending. Susie Krezman



David Beedy's '20 Center Door

Lining Up at Raley's



Lined Up at Burger & Cream

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May Tour

For May, John Saylor and Susie Krezman will host a May tour to the 30th Annual Farm and Tractor Days presented by the Rio Linda/Elverta Historical Society. The Sacramento Valley Model T Club will join us in route. There will be vintage tractors, hit and miss engines, local vendors, music, Dry Creek Ranch House Museum tours, live music, tractor parade, swap meet, farm animals and hayrides. [See the flyer](#) for more information. We will meet at Raleys at 8 am, leave at 8:30. We will make a stop at Wal Mart on Antelope Rd, Citrus Heights to meet up with those coming from that area. 9:30 am. Sign up at the next meeting.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



May Anniversaries

Martin & Julie Smith	1
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May Birthdays

Kendall Porco	3
Connie Williams	5
Sandra Staples	5
Ben Lindstedt	31



The Swap Meet

Our Swap Meet is well known throughout California and Nevada as the place to find that needed part for your Model T and other antique and vintage car. It takes a lot of volunteers to run the meet. We need help Saturday morning, 8:30 am, to begin setting up the field. That includes shade tents, marking spaces, setting up signage, and trash barrels. Then Saturday afternoon we need people to check in vendors and help them get parked. Sunday, we open the gates at 6 am. Again, we need help checking in vendors, buyers and parking and clean up at the end after 2 pm. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at the meeting. Look through them, please pick a time slot to work a shift usually about 2 hours. If you are going to be selling, consider working a spot on the gate Saturday. If you can't make the meeting, call Gary 916-599-0059 to sign up.



Afternoon Tea

Thursday, June 19, at 12 Noon, Sotherton Tea Room, Lincoln. See the attached flyer for the details and RSVP information. Be sure to RSVP to Julie by June 1.



Ladies in Automotive History

c1910
American Locomotive Company (ALCO) .
7 Passenger Touring Car with 6 Be Hatted ladies out for a drive.

I wonder how they kept all those hats from blowing off!

Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model-T Club
General Meeting Minutes
Black Bear Diner, Auburn CA
April 10th, 2025
Called to Order: 6:30 PM
By President Paula Mikles

Paula: Introduced a new club member, Tom Stewart. Tom has quite a family history with Model-T's. In his family of elders, kids, cousins, niece's & nephew's there are 40 Model-T's. Also attending this evening are Will & Paulette Snyder who are members, however this is their time at a meeting. Jim Dempsey also a new member who joined last Month.

Secretary: Junette reports the Minutes of March 13th had no correction with the exception of the information given by Al Stoll. Al shared about the problem of how the Trusts of people in LA were worded. I will be adding more information about the issue at the end of the minutes. Minutes Approved .

Treasurer: Kitty Shared that she received dues for 2 members. She paid the dinner bill for the April 8th Board Meeting. Also for the D&O Insurance 2025. Treasury is solvent.

Paula had Gary explain about the swap meet sign-up sheet that was going around, during the meeting.

Vice President: Susie reminded the members about the Shake Down Tour & Safety Check on this Saturday. She added that we will have the company of 4 cars with members of the Sacramento Model-T Club. We will meet at Raley's at 9:00 am to do the Safety Check. There will be 4 knowledgeable members to help with the inspections. Dennis Furr, Erik Lindstedt, John Saylor & Mark O'Connor from the Sacramento Club. After the Safety Check we will take a short tour and then stop at Burgers & Cream for lunch.

John Saylor told Susie about a Tractor Show in Rio Linda; we may attend as a May tour. Julie arranged "Afternoon Tea at Sotherton Tea Room" which will be held on June 19th at 12:00 noon. Reservation form is in last Month's News Letter. It must be in by June 1st. Dress up or come casual. Saturday July 26th will be the "Beat the Heat" Breakfast Tour. Arranged by Kitty & Paula. September 20th is the Marriott Picnic Tour.

Old Business: Paula Gave some personal history about her experience while working for AT&T as a Budget Manager. The District Managers were not happy when she had to tell them they were over budget. It was very uncomfortable for her because if that occurred "No One Would Talk To Her"! At the Board Meeting on Tuesday, We discussed how we can keep the Club solvent. Also, that the By Laws & Standing Rules have been updated. Paula explained that the Board wants the Club Members to know what it cost to fund the events like the Pizza Feed, Crab Feed, Anniversary Luncheon the & the Christmas Luncheon. Also, for members to have a say in how we spend the Club Funds . In January the club discussed having a late fee of \$10.00 for payment of dues after the 15th of January. The motion was voted on & passed. The club also discussed if we should continue having the 50-50 raffle? It was Voted on & passed. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 For \$5.00. 2 Members split 1/2 the Pot & the rest goes to the club .However, the only way we can continue the 50-50 is if a club member volunteers to sell the tickets at the meetings. The extra funds would contribute to club events. With prices are going up we may have to tweak a little & the members may have to pay a little more for events. We are presently in ok shape.

Erik: Reported that he has not heard from Erin in regards to the discount on the Fair Ground rental.

(Minutes, continued)

Gary: Gave an accounting of what was spent on last year's Swap Meet. \$2800.(\$500.) of which is for the returnable deposit. \$1550. for paint for the field. \$255. for Johnny on the Spot (porta potties). \$255. for Insurance.

\$230. for Fliers. Saturday set up lunch \$200. \$105. for Parking assistants. \$285. for Banners, Bungee Cords. These expenses most likely will vary in coming years. Gary shared that the vendor who had the artistic records last year wants to come back. He also would like to have the Lemonade Popcorn Vendor return. Set up on Saturday May 31st at 8:00 am. Bill F. & Christian will be stripping the field. Paula thanked Erik L & Gary for all the work they have done on Swap Meet.

Julie & Rich Suggested that we donate to the MTFCA Museum in Richmond IN. & the Piquette Ave Plant Museum in Detroit. The Ford Plant Piquette Museum is dedicated to the Preservation of the Birth Place of the Model-T. The building it's self is largely unchanged since it was built in 1904. It was noted that we did donate for a window with the club's name on it for one of the Museums. Also a Brick could have a name on it with a Donation.

Show & Tell: **Paula** shared a funny story about herself. A lady named Karen Bookey call her about a Center Door that is for sale. Paula thought she was talking about a car door. Karen explained that she was talking about a whole car, a 1915 Center Door. Her Husband had restored with the help of Milt Webb. She said it was worth \$20 to \$30K. Paula said more like \$10 to \$20K. The members got a laugh out of her story! John B has Horseless Carriage & Vintage Ford Magazines for anyone who wants them. He also shared that Ver Vamp in Forest Hill is having a Tractor Show on May 3rd. Julie Instness shared that Woodland California Agriculture Museum is putting all their exhibits in Storage. Another member shared that a new location is being built at the Fair Grounds in Woodland. Erik Lindstedt brought an old tire pump & asked how many had one in their car? He shared that on a tour several years ago out in Lake Wildwood area John Saylor had a tire blow. His spare had a slow leak. None of the Members had a pump in their car! Plus, at every service station they passed the air pumps were broken! Everyone should check their tire pressure before the tours & have a pump in their car. Erik showed a Christmas present Cindy gave him. A modern pump that was self-contained which cost about \$40.00.

Erik brought up the subject of Balloon Tire's. Good Year introduced them in 1923. Fire Stone makes them now using the original molds.

New Business: None this evening.

Trust information: Al Stoll spoke about this issue at the last meeting. Some people in LA are having this problem with their Insurance Companies. Protect Your Home. Ensure Your Insurance Matches Your Property Title. "Make sure your insurance policy aligns with the ownership structure on your property title. If your home is titled in a trust or LLC it's essential to add the trust or LLC, as an additional insured on your policy to avoid potential issues during a claim. The carrier can potentially deny a claim if the home is titled in a trust or LLC, but the insurance policy is under the individual homeowner's name. The ownership structure, as indicated on the title, must match the insured's name on the policy to ensure proper coverage."

Meeting Adjourned:7:23 PM

By President Mikles

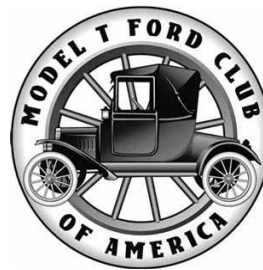
Respectfully: Junette Avey, Secretary



Museum Links for more info



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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 _____

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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
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See www.mtfca.com

Afternoon Tea at Sotherton Tea Room

1520 Del Webb Blvd., Suite C-101, Lincoln, CA

Thursday, June 19th - 12:00 o'clock seating

Traditional English Afternoon Tea Includes:

Tea Sandwiches*, Scones with clotted cream and jam,
Gourmet pastries and unlimited tea

*Gluten Free Option replaces tea sandwiches with your choice of a slice of frittata (F) OR
all of the sandwich fillings served with gluten free crackers (C). Please state choice below at time of reservation

Come dressed in your finest tea apparel (optional) to an English traditional tea room
and have a lovely afternoon tea with some tasty food, drink and fun with the ladies.

Afternoon Tea is \$48.50 (includes the tea, tax & tip)

Gluten Free Choice is \$54.50 (includes the tea, tax & tip)

Please make your reservation and send check made out to:

Julie Instness, 8216 Bonnie Oak Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 **no later than June 1st**

Payments are nonrefundable. Reservations received after June 1st will be on a space available only

Any question or need information, please feel free to call Julie at (916) 257-2428

Name	Cost	Gluten Free (Circle Choice)
Who's Attending: _____	\$ _____	\$ _____ *F C
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____ *F C
Sub Total	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____	