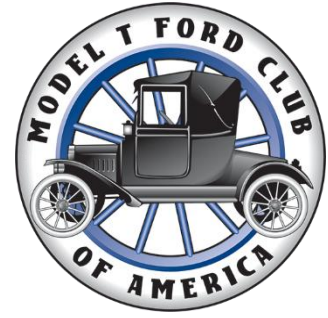




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Monthly Newsletter of the
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Celebrating 56 Years of Model T Fun
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October 2025

Presidents Message



Hi everyone,

The fall colors and weather are rolling in and I'm happy to welcome the change to a new season.

We had a great General Meeting last month with lots of member participation and business matters taken care of. The membership voted and approved a total of \$3,650 in 2025 charitable donations to other charitable organizations. The breakdown is as follows: \$1,000 to the Placer Assistance League, \$500 to the MTFCA Museum, \$500 to the Piquette Museum, \$150 for our CAM Membership, \$500 to sponsor the 1914 T at CAM and \$1,000 for a CAM donation. A question was asked about our ability to donate to charitable organizations that are not Model T related. According to the rules of

our IRS nontaxable charitable club rules, which is a 501C (7), we are to donate our charitable funds to 501C (3) charitable organizations such as museums, feed the hungry, medical research such as heart or lung associations, etc. We are not limited to donations only to Model T organizations.

Secondly, the membership voted and approved an increase in Member Dues from \$20 to \$30 per year beginning in 2026. Our club's dues have never been raised since January, 2001. This topic was first brought to the membership towards the beginning of this year and, at that time, members were in favor of the increase. Please see the minutes of the September Meeting in this newsletter for more information about the above topics, as well as other points of business discussed.

We all had a great time at Elaine and Vern Marriott's BBQ at Elaine's ranch on the 20th. We can always expect great food and conversation at this event. Elaine goes all out to make this such a great time. Thanks, Elaine, for hosting us again this year!

Our next General Meeting will be on October 9th (Black Bear Diner) and our next Board Meeting will be on October 14th (Mountain Mike's Pizza).

Thanks so much for all your participation and support. Remember your Show and Tell for the General Meeting and your money for the 50/50 Raffle.

Paula Mikles

Up Coming Events – 2025



MTFCA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

2026 MTFCA National Regional Tours.
Save the dates.

New York, June 22 – 26

Missouri, September 9 - 12

See more info in The Vintage Ford Magazine.

Dutch Flat Fall Colors Tour October 18-Don't Miss it.

We are touring to the historic town of Dutch Flat. We will be having lunch in the recently opened restaurant inside the hotel. Arrangements are being made to have parking on the street in front for a photo opportunity. We will meet at Raley's at 9:15, leaving at 9:45. Lunch at 11:30. Sign up at the next meeting.

From tour June 2021



Local Club Events - 2025

- ♦ Oct 5 – Old Auburn Cemetery Tour
- ♦ Oct 9 – Monthly Meeting. Black Bear. Diner, Auburn. 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.
- ♦ Oct 14 - Board meeting Mt. Mikes Pizza, Auburn. 5:30 Eat, 6:30 Meeting.
- ♦ Oct 18 – Fall Colors Tour to Dutch Flat. Lunch at the Historic Dutch Flat Hotel.
- ♦ Nov 11 - Veterans Day.
- ♦ Dec 14 – Christmas Luncheon, The Ridge Golf Club.

2026

- ♦ Mar 29 – Charter Brunch.
- ♦ May 30-31 – 51st Annual ML Swap Meet.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



October Anniversaries

Jeff & Dianne Slattery	6
Dennis & Stephanie Furr	7
Gordon & Kitty Goodell	11
Jim & Teri Dempsey	20
Steve & Lindy Owles	30

October Birthdays

The Model T Ford	1
Mindy Ingram	11
Brian Tracy	12
Jen Saylor	15
Allen Koch	23
John Anderson	27



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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, email or address, 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.

Marriott's Picnic Tour

September 20

Good weather and a full house at the Marriott Ranch. Elaine had quite a spread ready for us with pulled pork and chicken with delicious potluck sides, This was a joint event with the Auburn A's.



The day was Vern's Birthday.

And also our President, Paula.

A Little History **The Piquette Plant Museum**

While discussing our club donations at the last meeting there were questions about the Piquette Plant Museum. The Piquette is known as the birth place of the Model T Ford. It was the Ford Motor Company's first purpose-built factory. Previously space was rented on Mack Ave. Ford Models B, C, F, K, N, R, S, and the first 12,000 Model Ts were assembled here and shipped out by railroad. Ford Motor Company relocated to its new Highland Park Plant in 1910, selling the Piquette building to Studebaker in 1911. This is a different museum from the MTFCA Model T Museum in Richmond, Indiana. You can read more about the Piquette Plant by clicking on the link on our club home page.

What's Happening at the CAM

The present main exhibit celebrates one of the most iconic pieces of American automotive history, the Ford Mustang! "We have a comprehensive history of the Mustang, from when it first hit the roads in 1965 to the current era of Mustangs. Highlighting stories from prolific names in Mustang history like Saleen, Shelby, and JACOCCA. In addition, we will have interactive experiences and digital displays showcasing the iconic image of the Ford Mustang in American media over the decades."

There is a chance to enter a sweepstakes drawing to win a 2025 Special Edition Mustang. There is also a new racing gallery display. There are ever changing special events and displays. You can sign up for their email news blasts. There is a form on their home page. <https://www.calautomuseum.org/>

I have a link to the California Auto Museum on our club website.

Old Cemetery Tour - Murder, Mayhem & Mystery ***Sunday, October 5, 2025***

On Sunday, October 5th from 11:00-2:00 Placer County Museums Docents will be doing reenactments of historical persons at the 10th annual Cemetery Tour. Members are encouraged to bring their Model Ts and display them near prominent grave sites. Cars need to be there at 10-10:30 am. Call Susie to participate.



What ever happened to Leno's Law

"Leno's Law," officially Senate Bill 712, was a California bill that sought to exempt classic cars from California smog inspection requirements. Named after car enthusiast Jay Leno, the bill aimed to promote the state's car culture but was ultimately rejected by lawmakers in late August. In the latest Crusin' News, Sam Toll gave the details on its demise. As the bill moved through several subcommunities it was morphed, changed, and became weaker. By the time they were through debating and changing it would have only covered vehicles made prior to 1981. (current law is from 1976). The bill would have required all cars to have collector car insurance and historic plates. Many owners prefer the Year of Manufacture (YOM) plate because it makes the car look more authentic. Both the insurance and plate requirement would have put restrictions on when you could drive the car. So, it ended up in the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense bin.



Fall Colors From Years Past



Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model-T Club
General Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2025
Black Bear Dinner, Auburn CA

Called to Order: 6:34 PM
By President Mikles

Secretary: Junette reports no corrections to the Minutes of the August 14th, Meeting. They are therefore approved as written.

Treasurer: Kitty reported the amounts of funds deposited & withdrawn. Also, the balance of the Clubs Bank Account. Treasury in Solvent.

Vice President: Susie is on Vacation. Upcoming events are in the Newsletter.

Paula: The Board has proposed which Charities the 2025 Swap Meet profit of \$ 5600. will be donated to, with the Members approval.

CAM Donation \$1000. They will use it to have larger Placards to place in front of the cars on display. Also, towards the reconstruction underway.

CAM Membership \$150. Allows passes for Museum entry for Club Members or a Club meeting & Tour. It was suggested we have the Pizza Feed there. Sponsorship of a 1914 Model-T. \$500. For maintenance, Tires etc.

Piquette Museum. \$500. Chris Instness explained the importance of the Museum. The Factory was the 1st place the Model-T was designed & produced. MTFCA Museum \$500, which may get matching funds.

Assistance League: \$1000. Help abused Women by fixing cars so they can get to work.

Total Donations \$ 3,650. Which leaves \$1950. for 'Seed money' to start up for the 2026 Swap Meet. A Motion was made by Ed & Elaine for a vote. Vote results were yes for the proposed donations.

Next on the agenda: The Dues will be raised to \$30. for 2026. The present amount does not cover the Clubs Share for Dinners & Events. The Board is looking into moving the CD to an account that pays more interest.

John S. is getting the Flyers for the 2026 Swap Meet, ready to print.

New Board Members: Gary & Ed will be in charge of recruiting 2 new Board Members.

Next General Meeting October 9th. Next Board Meeting October 14th

Meeting Adjourned: 7:22 PM

By President: Paula Mikles

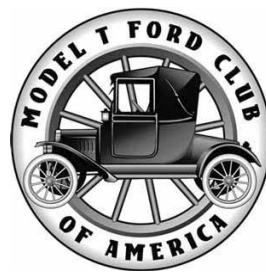
Respectfully: Junette Avey, Secretary

Happy Halloween





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Mother Lode Model T Club Membership Application

Dues are \$30. / Year

New ☐ Renewal ☐ -- Renewals Due Dec 31

Name _____ B'day Mo ____ Day ____

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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:

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