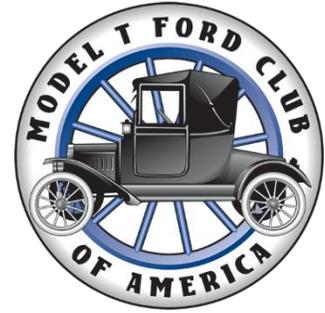




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## March 2026

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### Presidents Message

Hello everyone,

The Spring colors are beginning to pop out as I can see by my sister, Gina's beautiful Magnolia tree. The colors are gorgeous!

We had a nice attendance of club members at our February General Meeting, including our newest member, Greg Mathews from Marysville. It was a pleasure getting to know him and introducing him to other club members.

After a little over four years, Junette Avey is stepping down as our club's Secretary, due to personal health reasons. Junette has been a dependable and dedicated Secretary and we will miss her presence on our Board. Luckily, we will still see her on tours and events. We wish her the best in her recovery.

**IT IS NOW CRITICAL THAT WE OBTAIN A NEW BOARD SECRETARY.** The main duties of the Secretary are to attend the Board and General Meetings and record and type the minutes of those meetings. It is a requirement that we have a secretary present at our meetings. Without a secretary, we may not be able to hold the meetings. If you are interested in taking on this position, please contact me or any member of our Board.

Gary Krezman once again put on a wonderful Crab Feed on the 21<sup>st</sup>. It was greatly attended by hungry eaters looking forward to, what turned out to be, delicious crab. There was also a great selection of appetizers, salad, bread and cake. The club member participation for set up and clean up was wonderful. Thank you, Gary, and crew for another successful and enjoyable Crab Feed.

Our next event will be the Charter Luncheon on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm at The Ridge Golf and Event Center. Susie is planning this event and needs your reservation and money no later than March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Susie is planning an exciting Shakedown Tour on April 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be touring to the California Auto Museum, as they are celebrating Route 66. CAM has given our club 50 tickets for free members' admission to the museum, as our club gives a charitable donation to support CAM every year. Susie will provide more information when we get closer to the tour date.

There will not be a Board Meeting in March. Our General Meeting will be on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Black Bear Diner. See the Calendar of Events in this newsletter for more details. Please remember to bring your show and tell items.

As always, thanks to all of you for your support and participation in the Mother Lode Model T Club.  
Paula



# Up Coming Events – 2026



## MTFCA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### 2026 MTFCA National Regional Tours.

Save the dates.

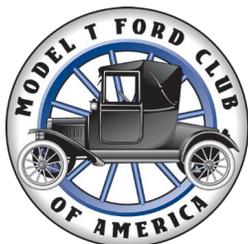
- ◆ Lake George, NY, June 22 – 26.
- ◆ Missouri, September 9 - 12 .

See more info in The Vintage Ford Magazine.

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## MTFCA Dues

Don't forget to renew your National MTFCA Dues. You should have received a notice in 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.

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**Volunteer needed to fill the Secretary position for the rest of the year**

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## Local Club Events – 2026

- ◆ Mar 12 – Monthly Meeting. Black Bear. Diner, Auburn. 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.
- ◆ Mar 29 – Charter Brunch.
- ◆ April 18 – Shake Down Tour to The CAM Route 66 display.
- ◆ May 1-2 - *Bakersfield Pre-War Swap Meet* – Sponsored by The Bay Area HCCA. [Flyer](#) For more info.
- ◆ **May – Spring Tour – Leader needed.**
- ◆ May 15-17 – NWVS Speedster Run and Lowland Tour. Orangevale, CA - ” [Details](#)
- ◆ May 30-31 – 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Mother Lode Swap Meet. [Flyer](#)
- ◆ June 6-7 - 55th Annual Endurance Run & Lowland Tour. Santa Clara Valley Model T Club.
- ◆ July 25 - Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour.
- ◆ Aug – Ice Cream Social
- ◆ Sept 19 – “Picnic at the Ranch”.
- ◆ Dec 6 – Christmas Party at the Ridge.



**Happy St. Patrick's Day,  
March 17**

# Birthdays and Anniversaries



## March Anniversaries

John & Janice Saylor      March 30

## March Birthdays

John Boorinakis	2
Jim Dempsey	3
Elaine Marriott	4
Toni Moore	9
Edward Rodriguez	11
Janice Saylor	15



## Charter Luncheon – March 29

We will be celebrating our 57th anniversary as a chartered chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. Everything is set. Hope to see you all, Saturday, March 1 at the Ridge Golf and Country Club. 1 pm No Host Social Hour, 2 pm Buffet Lunch.



We will have a fun afternoon honoring our founding fathers and the history of our club.

See the attached flyer and rsvp information. All checks must be received by March 16, 2026.

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*Here is Your Chance*

**\*\*\*\*\* Volunteer needed to fill the Secretary position for the rest of the year \*\*\*\*\***

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## Gil Machado Annual Shake Down Tour

April 18. We will tour to the California Auto Museum for their Route 66 celebration display.

We will meet at the Raley's Parking Lot at 13384 Lincoln Way in Auburn at 8:00 am and leave at 8:15 am. We will travel side streets to the Wal Mart parking lot at 5821 Antelope Road in Sacramento to meet with our club members that live down the hill and some of our Sacramento Valley Model T Friends. Estimated time to arrive at Wal Mart will be 9:00 am. We will take side streets from there and arrive at the California Auto Museum located at 2200 Front Street at approximately 10:00 am.

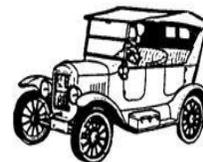
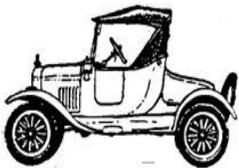
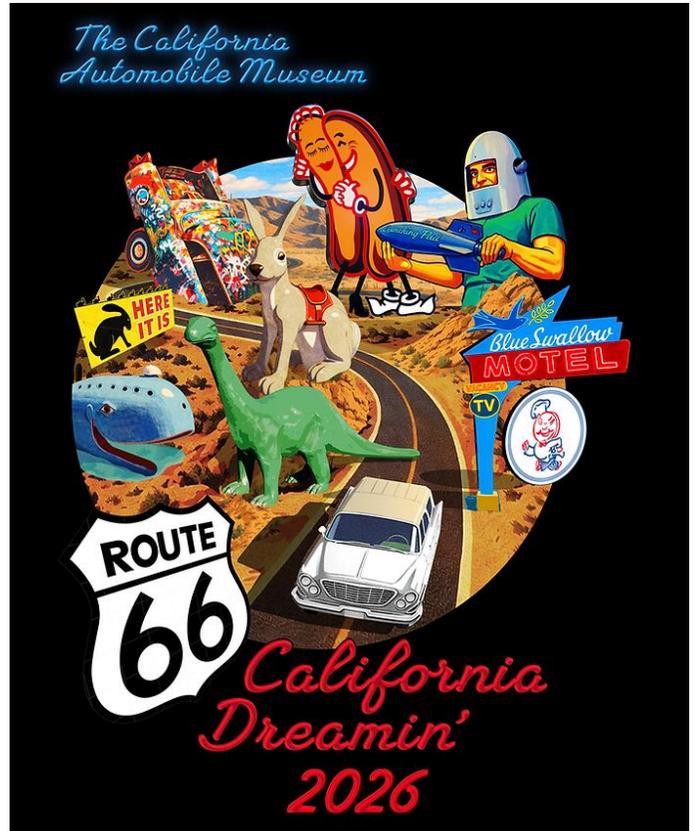
We will have donuts for all at the California Auto Museum Parking lot. We will be greeted by our own club members Eric Lindstedt and Dennis Furr, they are very active docents at the museum and will be able to guide you thru the museum or go at your own pace. We will spend approximately 1.5 hours at the museum. From

there we will drive to the Capitol Casino for lunch. They are located at 411 North 16th Street. We will have a private room, and the owner has private security on site and they will keep an eye on the cars.

### HISTORY

The California Automobile Museum was the first automobile museum in the west to be established in perpetuity. Founded in 1983 as the California Vehicle Foundation, the museum opened to the public in 1987 as the Towe Ford Museum, displaying the largest collection of Fords in the world, courtesy of Edward Towe, a Montana banker. The museum showcases over 150 classic, race and early cars, tracing the automobile's history and influence, with exhibits ranging from brass-era vehicles to modern cars. A very special display we will be able to enjoy is all about Route 66.

I will have a sign up sheet at the March 12th meeting or you can reach me at [susiekrezman@gmail.com](mailto:susiekrezman@gmail.com) or 916 599-0552.



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**The Mother Lode Model T Club had their Annual Crab Feed on February 21, 2026 in the Barnstormer Room at the Auburn Airport.**



*We started out with setting up the venue. Thank you to everyone that showed up early to set up. Members again brought a delicious assortment of appetizers to enjoy during our social hour.*

*Elaine set up the kitchen and the food tables. A huge thank you to Elaine for so much help.*

*It was so nice to see Erik Barrett's Mom, Mary Lynn, a longtime member of our club.*

*The Crab was delicious this year. Last year I used another Vendor to purchase the Crab, and the quality was not what we are used to. So it was back to Pacific Seafood. This year's crab came from Oregon, and I do believe it was some of the best we have had. See pictures [at https://motherlodemodelt.com/photogallery.html](https://motherlodemodelt.com/photogallery.html)*

*Soon, April begins our touring season, see you on the road.*

*Gary Krezman*

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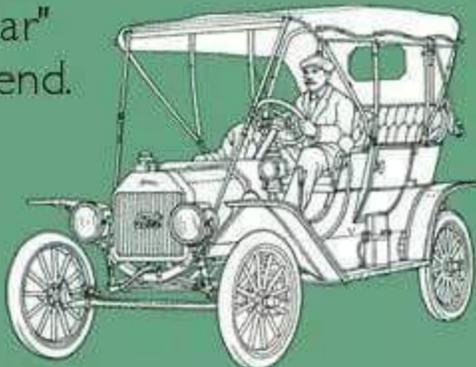
## **Swap Meet - May 30-31**

*Our annual swap meet will be here soon. We must advertise to let the area auto enthusiasts know. John Saylor will have flyers available at the next meeting. So, pick some up to take to spread around the area. There are many events that we can advertise at, other swap meets, Cars & Coffee events, parts dealers, etc.*

*Also start thinking where you can help. Areas such as Set up on Saturday morning, , work a gate checking in vendors and buyers, park vendors.*

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Don't forget, it's "Try to remember how to change the clock in your car" Day this weekend.



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*It's that time of the year again.*

*Daylight Savings Time change, Sunday, March 8. Let's Spring up.*

**Mother Lode Model T Club, General Meeting Minutes**  
**Black Bear Diner, Auburn**  
**February 12, 2026**  
**Called to Order: 6:40 p.m.**  
**By President Paula Mikles**

**Paula:** Thanked everyone for coming. We had a new member join us and Paula introduced him. Greg Mathews from Marysville and he has a 1920 Touring he bought from the original owner. Welcome Greg!

**Secretary:** Junette was ill and Kitty acted as Secretary taking notes. Minutes of January 8 had no corrections. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer:** Kitty reported income from dues and interest. We withdrew some monies from the existing CD and reinvested in a new 6-month CD with higher interest. Withdrawn amount was added to our checking account and will be used for expenses for our non-touring events, i.e. Pres Pizza Feed, Crab Feed, Charter and Christmas lunch, etc. Treasury is solvent.

**Vice President:** Susie advised there is a tour coming up hosted by Matt Ryan on May 16. It's open to all vintage cars. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Ryan home, 7243 Walnut Ave, Orangevale. They will be going to lone to Saunders Aviation Museum. 75 miles round trip and no tour fee. Lunch on your own. Susie asked anyone interested to let her know ASAP so she can give Matt a headcount.

We need a chairperson for a tour in May. It was suggested to go to California Auto Museum (CAM) in Sacramento and Susie has directions. We have 50 tickets to get in due to our club donation. Contact Susie if interested.

Shakedown tour will be on April 18. Tour will be short and signup sheet and details will be provided at next meeting.

Toni Moore had recent neck surgery and is doing well. Get well card was routed for signature. The Charter dinner is coming up in March. The club was established by seven members who were originally members of the horseless carriage club. The dinner is a celebration of the club and its founding members. And will be held at The Ridge in Auburn. Sandra is charging us ½ price for the room, \$175.00 versus \$350.00. We are lucky to have a good working relationship and history with The Ridge.

**Old Business:** Gary advised he currently has 30 people signed up for the Crab Feed. He needs final headcount and monies by tomorrow, February 13. Will be held at Barnstormer at the airport on February 21. We are receiving the room for free because we donated to the Fire Dept. last year. Swap meet – John advised he had problems with the flyer he posted to the MLMTC Facebook page. He tried to delete a faded copy, and it canceled the event. John will work to get it back in place. The Swap Meet has not been canceled; it is a go! John has flyers if anyone is going to the Bakersfield swap meet and can pass them out. Also take flyers to pass out at events, ask stores to post in windows, etc. The Bakersfield Swap Meet is a go. The Bay Area HCCA stepped up to take it over.

**New Business:** None. Paula advised there will be no board meeting in March, general meeting will be on March 12.

**Show and Tell:** John Boorinakis has and showed a Quaker State lubricating oil sample set they used to sell. Had sample vials of 5 different viscosity oils. Eric Lindstedt brought some old poster pictures he has from his house. They represented couples in cars and being able to get away from others for some “wooing”. They also had phrases from original songs associated with the different cars. Perfect show and tell for Valentines Day coming up!

Special thanks to Susie for providing everyone with a Valentine's Day chocolate treat. :0)

**Meeting adjourned 7:13 p.m.**

**By President Paula Mikles**

**Respectfully: Kitty Goodell on behalf of Junette Avey**

**“Big Boy” is coming to the area again this year.  
Roseville April 10-11. 375 Atlantic St., 9 am to 3pm**

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**Colfax is having a big celebration Sunday April 12.**



**Come join the party, celebrate the countries 250th birthday and see Big Boy 4014!**

- ~Food & Craft Vendors
- ~Your favorite Gunslingers, the Black Flag Gang.
- ~Music
- ~Kids Zone and more!

"Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest operating steam locomotive, will be joined by two commemorative locomotives, including the railroad's newest locomotive: No. 1776 – America 250. This new commemorative locomotive pays tribute to the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of this nation. The locomotive will feature the emblem of the America 250 Semi quincentennial Commission, the national nonpartisan organization established by Congress to lead the nation's 250th anniversary. More information about No. 1776 will be announced soon." For UPRR full viewing schedule...



<https://www.up.com/about-us/history/steam/schedule>

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### ***In Memory***

Long time Mother Lode Model T Club member, Grace Aldridge passed away February 21, 2026, at the age of 101. Her daughter, Mary, would like everyone to know that the family will have a Memorial Service on Saturday March 21st at the Chapel of the Hills located at 1331 Lincoln Way, Auburn, at 10:00am. There will be a reception following the Memorial to be held also at Chapel of the Hills. You are welcome to bring your Model T or Model A. It was August of 2024 that several members of our club took our cars to visit and celebrate Grace's 100th Birthday.

Mary shared that Grace lived a wonderful life and went peacefully and on "her own terms".  
-Susie Krezman



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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 \_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ B'day Mo \_\_\_ Day \_\_\_

Anniversary Mo. \_\_\_ Day \_\_\_

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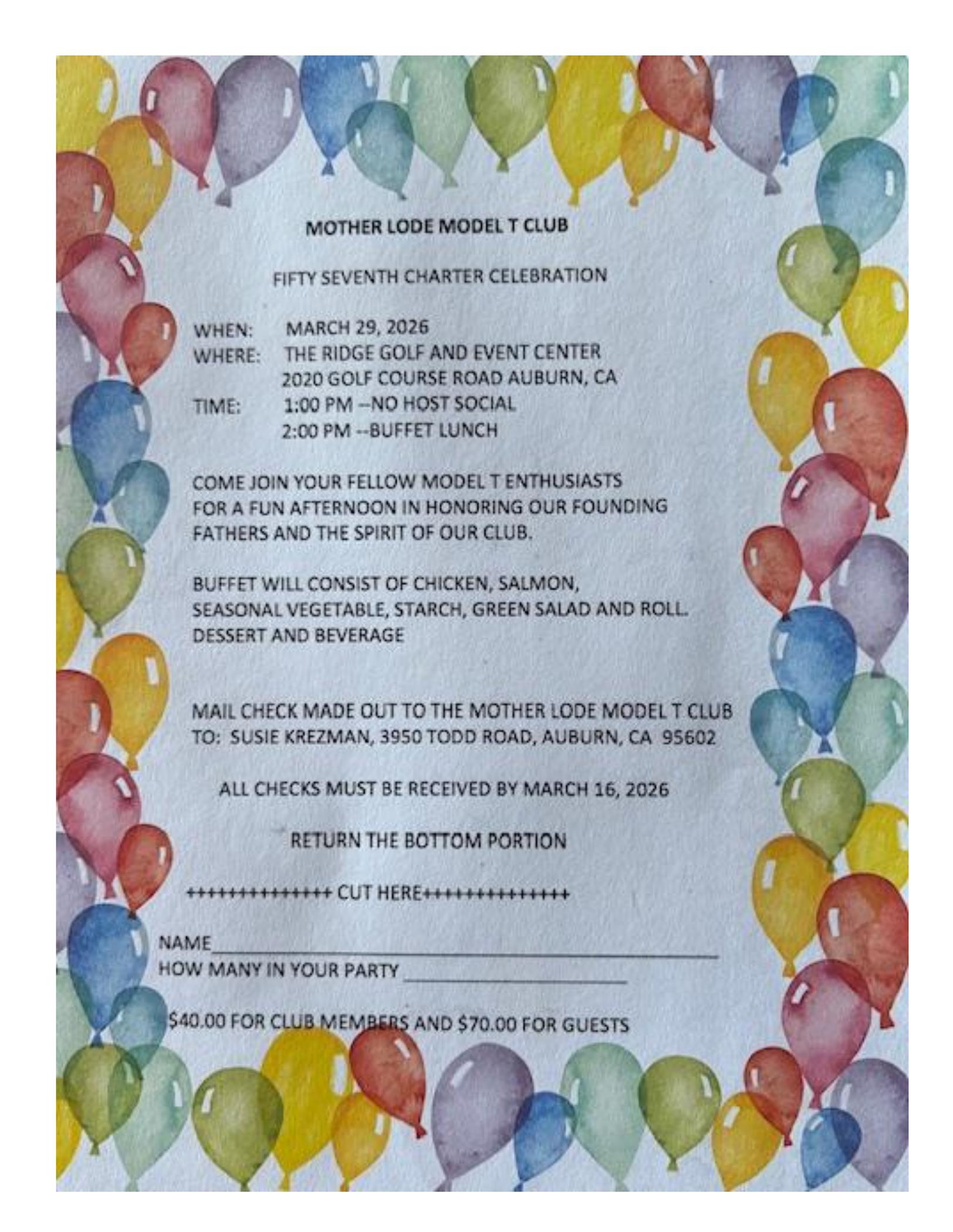
### The Model T Ford Club of America

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Annual dues for the MTFCA are \$50.00 payable to:

The Model T Ford Club of America  
310 North 8th Street, Richmond, In. 47375-3035  
Telephone: (765) 373-3106.

See [www.mtfca.com](http://www.mtfca.com)



**MOTHER LODGE MODEL T CLUB**

**FIFTY SEVENTH CHARTER CELEBRATION**

**WHEN:** MARCH 29, 2026  
**WHERE:** THE RIDGE GOLF AND EVENT CENTER  
2020 GOLF COURSE ROAD AUBURN, CA  
**TIME:** 1:00 PM --NO HOST SOCIAL  
2:00 PM --BUFFET LUNCH

COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW MODEL T ENTHUSIASTS  
FOR A FUN AFTERNOON IN HONORING OUR FOUNDING  
FATHERS AND THE SPIRIT OF OUR CLUB.

BUFFET WILL CONSIST OF CHICKEN, SALMON,  
SEASONAL VEGETABLE, STARCH, GREEN SALAD AND ROLL.  
DESSERT AND BEVERAGE

MAIL CHECK MADE OUT TO THE MOTHER LODGE MODEL T CLUB  
TO: SUSIE KREZMAN, 3950 TODD ROAD, AUBURN, CA 95602

ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 16, 2026

RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY \_\_\_\_\_

\$40.00 FOR CLUB MEMBERS AND \$70.00 FOR GUESTS