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Monthly Newsletter of the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club

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May 2016 – Springtime Touring!

Presidents Ramblings



Wow, What a month! Two great tours, a swap meet, good weather and very good attendance. The Gil Machdo Memorial Shake Down tour to Ione and the Sanders Aeronautics was one we talked about for several days after. The Sanders family have a real passion for their war bird planes. Then we headed off to Yuba City and the Sutter Buttes. This was another treat to an area that is off limits to most people. We had perfect weather for touring with storms before and after the tours giving us beautiful clear skies. I want to thank Ben Pomeroy for bringing the trouble trailer for both tours. In between the two tours was the Bakersfield swap meet. Saw several of our club members there and visited with many friends from other clubs I hadn't seen since the last time. Several of us found some treasures we just had to

have. Talked with some folks from the Silver State Club in Nevada and they want to tour with us sometime. June and our swap meet is just around the corner. Final planning is underway. We still need a few more people to help in the food booth, the gate and parking. So, come to the May meeting and sign up for a shift as this will be the last one before the meet.

John Saylor

Activities

May 9 - Board Meeting & Swap Meet planning, 6 pm, Round Table Pizza, 370 Elm Ave., Auburn.

May 12 - Monthly Meeting. Sizzler, 13570, Lincoln Way, Auburn. Dinner at 5:30-7 pm. Meeting starts at 7 pm.

May 17 - LOLs, (Ladies out to Lunch) 11:30 am, Max's Restaurant, off Hwy 49, Auburn (By the Holiday Inn). Hostess: Toni Moore 530-823-5233

May 21-22 - Joint Antique Car Tour. Model T and HCCA. Based in Cameron Park. Tours to historic towns of Volcano, Sutter Creek & Placerville. RSVP by May 14.

June 4 - Swap Meet. Set up 9 AM. 4 PM, Vendor early arrivals. Club Potluck & BBQ 5pm.

June 5 - Mother Lode Swap Meet, Auburn, 5 AM -3 PM.

June 11 - Lincoln Air Fest

July 4 - Dutch Flat Independence Day Parade

July 23 - Annual Breakfast Tour

July 23 - Long Beach Model T Club Swap Meet

August 20 - Ice Cream Social & Potluck. 2 pm, Silveira's. 16061 Fairway Glen Place, Alta Sierra.

Sept - Tour needed

Oct - Fall Colors Tour

Dec 11 - Christmas Banquet

Check out our club web site for updates and additional details!



Eighth Annual Gil Machado Memorial Shakedown Tour

On April 2, 2016 a group of us from the Motherlode Model T Club traveled down Auburn Folsom Road. We stopped at the McDonalds in Town Center in El Dorado Hills to meet up with another portion of our group and a group from the Sacramento Model T Club. We had a total of 23 Model T and Model A's, some modern cars and two



trouble trucks. There was a total of 63 members and guests. Since we had such a large group, we broke the cars up into three groups, staggered the times leaving McDonalds. Our route took us down Latrobe Road, we crossed into Amador County and traveled into Ione. Our lunch spot in Ione was Clarks Corner. They had a room set up for us and a patio area for us to enjoy. There we had a buffet lunch of sandwiches, salads and a cookie. Our second destination was Sanders Aeronautics located about 10 miles out of town. As luck would have it, our tour guide was having lunch across the street. She called me and said I see the cars, I am across the street with friends and leaving to go back to work. Would you like a ride back in one of our cars I asked, she jumped at the chance. Erik and Cindy Lindstedt graciously chauffeured them to our destination. Our guide was Shannon Sanders Swager, the granddaughter of the Founder of Sanders Aeronautics. She gave us a tour of the first hanger where they restore vintage airplanes. The second hanger consisted of some very nice planes that were for sale (have and extra five million?) and the families collection of cars and motorcycles. It was a beautiful spring day, warm, clear skies and green rolling hills, and good friends to enjoy the whole day with. Thank you to Junette Avey for helping me put together our route and lunch spot, to Ben Pomeroy for the trouble truck, Sherry Rodriguez for collecting lunch money. A BIG Thank you to John Saylor for helping me with guiding such a large group. Also to my husband Gary for getting our car ready and providing the donuts. It was a good start to our touring season. Susie Krezman

Sutter Buttes Tour

We were invited by member Phil Gardner to join with the Mid Valley Historical Auto Club for a tour of the Sutter Buttes. Phil lives in Yuba City and is also a member of the Mid Valley Historical Auto Club. Most of us met up in Lincoln and toured westward and then North on back roads through farm land and the towns of Olive Hurst, Arboga, and Linda. We met up with Phil and the Yuba group at the Yuba-Sutter Mall and two of our members who trailered up. We had 16 cars from our club plus two who drove up in their modern iron and rode with others. There were nine cars from their club; 3 Model T's, a '29 Jordon, '55 Ford, '49 Dodge pickup, Dude Green and his son in a speedster and others. The



short run up to the Buttes was a treat with approximately 25 cars total. We turned off onto a dirt and gravel road taking us through several ranches and locked gates and beautiful green pastures and meadows. We ended up on the Dean Ranch in a spot surrounded by oaks and a great view. We spread out our picnic lunches in the meadow, visited with the other club members and shared stories about our cars. Dude Green and his family brought along an old portable phonograph (you had to crank it up!) and played some oldies for us as we ate. They do this tour every year and each year they invite a different club. They were all quite surprised that most of us drove our T's all the way. The weather was again perfect for touring. We got home just in time for a quick storm to move through the area dropping rain and hail with some thunder and lightning. Thanks again to Phil Garner for inviting us and their friendly hospitality and to Ben and Lona for driving the trouble truck. John Saylor



LOL Gathering for May

This month's LOL (Ladies out to Lunch) is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th at Max's Restaurant, off Hwy 49, Auburn (by the Holiday Inn). Toni Moore is hosting the event and can be reached at 530-823-5233.

Swap Meet News – All hands on deck!



Hello Model T Club members. The Mother Lode Model T Ford Club's 40th Annual Swap Meet is June 4th & 5th with Saturday, the 4th being set up and potluck day and Sunday, the 5th the swap meet. It will be here before we know it. Our club's swap meet is known to be one of the very best and is also known for its homemade pies at the food booth! Over the last 40 years this is an event that club members have always looked forward to. This is a great time for all to come out and enjoy time with fellow club members while supporting the club and maybe meeting a new club member, finding a much needed treasure or selling some of those car parts that just have to go. Over the years the setup,

gate duties, and clean up were taken care of by the guys. The ladies of the club ran the food booth. Well, as you know, times have changed and the ladies of the food booth now welcome the guys to work with them, and the ladies can help the guys with setup, gate and cleanup.

Since there are many members that are fairly new to the club, here is a little bit of an explanation of what the swap meet is all about.

On Saturday the lines in the field for vendor spaces are laid out and chalked along with some other chores and the food booth and tables are set up. The gates open to the vendors in the late afternoon around 4:00 p.m. The club provides sandwiches for the workers at lunch time on Saturday. In the evening, the club hosts a potluck which is open to all club members and the club provides BBQ tri-tip. So come on out and bring a dish to share and join the club at the potluck!



On Sunday, we start out very, very early. Gates to the swap meet open at 5:00 a.m. Vendors come in and pay at the gate and the field parking crew assists vendors to available spaces. Buyers are not charged an admittance fee. The food booth also opens at 5:00 a.m. and starts out serving, coffee, drinks and donuts and gradually moves on with pies, burgers, hot dogs, etc. Once the donuts get low, the pies start coming out. As I said earlier, we start very early and the customers are ready for the burgers, etc. when most on a normal day are just getting ready for breakfast. So the burger and hot dog sales normally start around 8:00 a.m.

Over the years there have been so many comments about the pies. Here are just a few: “when are the pies going on sale,” “I come every year to this swap meet so I can have a slice of homemade pie,” ”there is always such a variety,” “the pies are so good!” Well, that is because we have always had such wonderful people to bake and donate the pies and some cookies and brownies too. We are looking for donations again this year. If you can’t work a shift at the swap meet here is your opportunity to contribute. And if you don’t bake, remember places like Machado’s Orchards have homemade style pies for purchase. Just be sure to order those pies ahead of time. Because of refrigeration requirements, we are only able to accept pies that do not need refrigeration. So please no pies such as cream pies. Please bring pies to the potluck or we will need them prior to 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

The vendors start pulling out anywhere from noon to about 2:00 p.m. That’s when the cleanup crew gets started.



Working shifts are normally around two hours long. Some a few minutes longer to cover shift changes. There are positions in the food booth that do not require standing - the coffee station, cashier, and some early food prep.

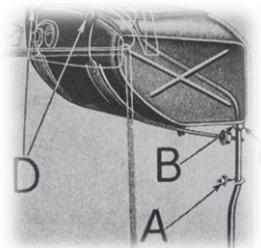
Signups will began in March with signup sheets also available at the April and May monthly meetings or you can call Julie (916-726-5388) for food booth signups or Gary (530-823-7957) for Saturday setup, Sunday gate, cleanup, and all other chores. Sign up early to get the spot you want to work. Two hours will go by so fast, so if you feel

ambitious, please feel free to sign up for more than one shift.

Let’s make this a Swap Meet to remember! The Swap Meet Committee is looking forward to a great turn out this year and the much needed support from our members. See you there! Rich and Julie Instness

Tech Tip

As we were leaving McBean Park, Mark Porco noticed gas dripping from the shut off valve area on his 26 coupe. We investigated a little trying to see where this leak was. It seemed to be slowing down and decided to go on and check again later. By the time we arrived in Yuba City it had stopped. After looking at a couple of other 26-7 T's we discovered that there’s an over flow drain tube that was missing. This tube is an extension of the over flow tube from the cowl vent tank filler that connects to the cast iron fitting where the filter bulb and shut off valve are located, directing the overflow gas down to below the frame. Some cars had the tube others didn't. When we got home I checked Lang's. They sell a kit for about \$30 that has this tube and installation hardware. There is one for early 26 and one for later 26-27. My 27 has the tube. We'll have to look at exiting cars to figure out the difference. John Saylor



Mother Lode Model T Club General Meeting Minutes, April 5th, 2016

Call to Order / Welcome - The April 2016 general membership meeting was called to order promptly at 7:01 PM by President John Saylor. The meeting was held at the Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, CA.

Greeter Report – Junette Avey Brown noted that no new guests were in attendance

Sunshine Report – Susie Krezman reported that she sent out the following cards in March:

- Thank You Cards: Kitty and Gordon Goodell for hosting the Crab Feed.
- Thinking of You Cards: Vernell Bunnell, Cleona and Jack Duncan, Mary Ramsey, and Naomi Burcher.
- Get Well Cards: Ralph Roper and Joyce Weitzel.

Secretary Report – Steve Short reported that the minutes of the March 14th 2016 General Meeting were printed in last months “T Diggins’ Newsletter”. As there were no corrections or additions requested, the minutes were declared to stand without change.

Treasurer Report – Kitty Goodell was absent from the night’s meeting, but advised John Saylor by telephone that the Club’s financials remained healthy, and essentially unchanged from her March Meeting Report.

T-Diggins Editor Report – Erik Lindstedt reported that progress has been made with more of our membership taking delivery electronically. Please contact Erik with your approval to use your E-mail address if you are still receiving paper mailings.

Vice President’s Report on Upcoming Activities – Susie Krezman, Club V.P. provided an updated general summary of upcoming 2016 MLMTC Events and activities for the membership:

- April 15-16, HCCA Bakersfield Swap Meet
- April 19 – LOL’s luncheon: 11:30 AM at Strings Italian Restaurant Auburn,
- April 23 – FAST Hill Climb (Lincoln Airport).
- April 24 – Sutter Buttes Tour: John Saylor circulated a sign up list to the members.
- April 24 - HCCA Swap meet, ARC (American River College).
- April 27 & 28 – Annual ACCC meeting at CAM. Club normally pays for two people to attend, includes lunch. Gary Krezman will attend. (Contact him at 916-599-0059 if you would like to attend).
- May 21 & 22 – David & Patricia Pava Tour. David provided updated information about his planned 1 to 2 day Joint Club tour. So far, attendees from the Horseless Carriage, Bay Area, Santa Clara, Sacramento, and Mother Lode Clubs have been invited. The tour will start in the Cameron Park area, and will proceed to Volcano, CA. It will be set up so you can go one day, or the other, or both. An overnight stay for those who wish will be planned in Sutter Creek (secure car parking close to Hotel), with a morning tour to the Placerville area, a visit to the Gold Bug Mine, and lunch delivered by “Hog Wild BBQ”. He is aiming for a turnout of about 50 cars. Contact David for full information on the details for accommodations etc. for this big event. You must pre-register no later than May 14th!
- June 4-5 – MLMTC Annual Swap Meet: (Auburn Fair Grounds, Saturday the 4th: Set up in the AM / Members Potluck in the PM) (Sunday the 5th: Event opens at 5:00 AM / clean up by 3:00 PM). Julie Instness made a request for more volunteers were needed to man the food booth! Gary Krezman also said that we needed more people to volunteer for vendor parking duties!
- June 18 – “The Great Race”: A contingent of intrepid Model T drivers will be at the

Sacramento California Auto Museum (CAM) for a stop over as they complete their first day's drive from the Pacific Ocean in San Francisco to the Atlantic Ocean. It promises to be an interesting thing to see!

- July 4th – Possible Dutch Flat
- July 23rd – Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour
- August 20 – Ice Cream Social. Les and Sandy Silveira will be hosting a Potluck and Ice Cream Social at their home in Alta Sierra. (Festivities will start at 2:00 PM.)
- September - 2 possibilities: Folsom Rail Fair 9/24 & 25 or Colfax Railroad Days??

Past Events Report: Susie Krezman reported that the Gil Machado Shakedown Tour was a terrific success with an awesome turnout of 62 People and 23 Cars traveling to Sanders Aviation in Ione! Richard Instness and Allen Koch both suffered breakdowns, but the presence of two trouble trucks save the day for them. Gary Krezman “delivered the goods” with doughnuts, and food & service at Clarks Corner was excellent!

Old Business

New Volunteers to Chair the Crab feed are a must for 2017. Please step up to the plate if you would like to take on this important responsibility!

Trouble Trophy – Mark Porco will have the honor of giving up the Trouble Trophy in record time as both Alan Koch & Richard Instness both had breakdowns on the Shakedown Tour. The award ceremony was in some dispute, but it was suggested that the trophy should pass from Mark to Alan, and finally on to Richard (who was the last in line to have a flat tire breakdown)!

Club Shirts - John again reported that he still had a very small stock of MLMTC shirts and sweatshirts. If you are interested, please contact John directly to see what sizes are available.

Club Auction of Model T Car “Stuff” - Numerous items were up for sale from various club contributors and the bidding wars were hot and heavy! The club raked in \$40 for the night.

New Business

Tech Tips – No formal presentations were made, but Erik Lindstedt lit up a small brushfire of controversy when he offered opinion on how frequently you should change your oil, and what grades might best be used! Members participating could agree on nothing, except for the general opinion that you should do it more often than you might think! (“Say” every 500 miles?).

Next Board meeting - will be held on Monday, May 9th and will focus on Swap Meet preparations.

50-50 – Winners were Bertie Baughman, and All Gillming who each pocketed \$25 with \$50 going to the Club!

50th Club Anniversary – John Saylor raised the idea of finding a “volunteer Editor” within the club to develop a commemorative publication of our club’s history for its upcoming Golden Anniversary. This would obviously be a very big project, and will need multiple contributors to tell “The Story”!

Show and Tell

Vern Marriott displayed a rare all brass meat grinder he found and purchased recently. He speculated that it was likely a pre WWI device, because that war caused the end of the brass radiators on the early Model T’s!

The President made a final call for any other New Business from the Membership present. Bertie Baughman offered a motion to adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Julie Instness, and President Saylor gaveled the meeting to a close at 7:53 PM.

Stephen Short, Secretary

Happy May Birthdays

Lewie Burcher	1
Milt Webb	1
Kendall Porco	3
Levi Marriott	5
Les Silveira	8
Pat Bashore	14
Bertie Baughman	16
Cleona Duncan	18
Bob McCoy	20

Happy Birthday



Let's go back a few years!

Happy May Anniversaries

Martin & Julie Smith	1
Topher & Kelly Matson	2
Richard & Bertie Baughman	9
Arnold & Barbara Ward	18

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Oh boy! A Model T ride for our Anniversary!

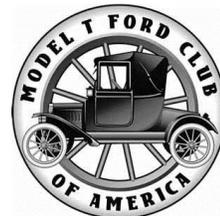
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We will miss your warmth, wit and wisdom.



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Club Website

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The *Mother Lode Model T Club* was organized during 1967 and became a member of the *Model T Ford Club of America* in 1969. The club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the personal enjoyment of its members through the preservation and restoration of the Model T Ford and especially through activities involving the use of Model T Fords.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month with the exception of December, at the Sizzler, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn, Ca. 5:30 pm for dinner, 7 pm meeting.

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Model T Fords. Ownership of a Model T is not necessary.

Dues - Annual Dues are \$20 per family.

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 is \$40.00 payable to:

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