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Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club
Celebrating 50 Years



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July 2019

Message from Our President

Hi to All Members of the Mother Lode Model T Club,



Well, as we reflect back on June, I can say we had another successful Swap Meet due to a lot of hard work from all our club members; I would like to sincerely thank everyone for all your support and dedication to another Swap Meet. I saw a lot of positive feedback on the Model T Forum from

both buyers and sellers that it is one of the best Swap Meets in Northern California. We need to keep this event happening for many years to come. For those of you who were not at the June club meeting at Sizzlers, I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that it has been a privilege and a pleasure to chair the Mother Lode Swap Meet for all these years. I have had a wonderful time chairing the event and working with a lot of great people. I would like to thank the club and club members for trusting in me and allowing me to handle this position for all these years. Now I feel it is time for me to step down as the Chairperson of the Mother Lode Model T Swap meet. I would like to again thank everybody for all of your time and support in all the past Swap meets. If anyone is interested in Chairing the 2020 Swap Meet, please call me and I will help in any way possible.

The next touring event will be the Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour hosted by Kitty and Company. They will be meeting at Raleys at 7:00 am and leaving at 7:30 am on July 14. This is always an early event so we can "Beat the Heat". Thank you Kitty for hosting this event. It is always a fun little run.

I would like to thank everyone for all your support and help in keeping the Mother Lode Model T Club active and I look forward to seeing all of you at the July monthly meeting.

Your President, *Gary Krezman*

Up Coming Events

- ♦ **July 11** - Monthly Meeting, Auburn Sizzler. Dinner at 5:30- 7 pm. Meeting starts at 7 pm.
- ♦ **July 14** - Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour - Kitty & Co.
- ♦ **July 16** - Tuesday, 11:30 AM LOL's (Ladies Out to Lunch). Sizzler, Auburn. No RSVP needed.
- ♦ **Aug 24**- Ice Cream Social - Junette
- ♦ **Sept 21**- Colfax Railroad Days. -
- ♦ **Oct 19**- Manifold Cookout tour Tour - Saylor
- ♦ **Nov** - Open
- ♦ **Dec** - Christmas Party - Chair Person needed.

LOL's (Ladies Out to Lunch)

July 16 -Tuesday, 11:30 AM LOL's (Ladies Out to Lunch). Sizzler, Auburn. No RSVP needed.

For the next few month LOLs will meet at the Sizzler on the third Tuesday each month at 11:30 am until further notice. All Ladies in the club are welcome.

Do you want a Christmas Party??

We need someone to head up the club Christmas Party. Eula has chaired the party for the past years but due to her health she can no longer do it.



A date and venue should be selected very soon as the event centers fill up quickly.

Commemorative Club Shirts

I still have shirts that were ordered that have not been picked up. I will bring to the July meeting. Our final costs, including tax will be as below. Please bring correct change or check made out to the club.

Men's Tee		Pockets
SM -> XL	\$13.	\$17
XXL	15	\$19
XXXL	17	
Ladies Tee		
Sm -> XL	\$14	
XXL	16	

**"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goals."
-- Henry Ford**



The Pava's Tour, Barbecue and Ice Cream Social

By David Pava

In what has become an annual event on Sunday June 9, Patricia and I invited members of the local chapters of the Horseless Carriage, Model T and Model A Clubs for a tour followed by a barbecue and ice cream social in our orchard and vineyard.

This year's tour route was approximately 60 miles, traveling east from Cameron Park through the Gold Rush towns of El Dorado and Diamond Springs and then Pleasant Valley. Next we headed south, crossing the Cosumnes River three times

before reaching the Shenandoah Valley, heart of the Amador Wine Country. Some tour participants stopped at a winery or two – while others continued through the quaint town of



(Pava's Tour Continued)

Plymouth, heading south on Old Sacramento Road and then North on Latrobe Road. We crossed the rapidly running river a final time before arriving at the Pava's home. The weather was perfect and the back roads very lightly traveled, offering spectacular, serene views.

Antique cars parked in the orchard and vineyard as tour participants were greeted with ice cold Sangria. As participants socialized, the barbecue was lit and lunch served. Simultaneously, Hangtown A's member Bill Nixon fired up his Model T powered ice cream maker to the delight of all who watched and later enjoyed this special treat. Guests were able to create their own Ice Cream Sundae with Chocolate or Carmel sauce, cherries and whipped cream. Some guests toured the hobby winery while others enjoyed visiting in the warm afternoon sun. Thanks to all who joined us. We will do it again next year – the tentative date is June 14, 2020.



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Birthdays and Anniversaries



July Anniversaries

Jerry & Toni Moore	14
Roger & Mary Lynn Barrett	27

July Birthdays

Nich Boorinakis	5
Erik Lindstedt	10
Russ Purvis	12
Sherry Rodriguez	28



A few comments from the MTFCA forum on our swap meet.

From what I saw I think you could have purchased enough parts to completely assemble a Model T and drive it away!

********* » As previously reported, the swap meet was moved from the grass to the pavement this year due to the grass being heavily damaged by a home show a few weeks ago. Despite that, this was a great swap meet for Model T and other pre-war stuff. Both buyer and seller attendance seemed to be high this year and I saw a lot of deals and interesting items. Glad to see a strong presence of early parts there.

********* » I was there all day! What a blast. My best moment was when in front of a group of really “young acting” guys, Robert Weitzel said “ this is AdminJeff- he killed all those Russian Hackers on the forums”. Yes, I did that but there’s more to that story.... if you’re reading this, we all lived through it. So no need to rehash all those lies and exaggerations here.... What a GREAT group of folks in Auburn and the Gold Country club here. John Saylor and his son and all the rest of these folks are generous to the nth degree with both their time and knowledge. Even Robert Weitzel’s mom was here helping and selling cactuses.

I scored some serious deals at this swap meet, albeit I didn’t party the night before so I could be there at the government’s recommended daily allowance time of 5:30AM sharp! -- Ricardo high compression head -\$250 - thanks Nevada Bob! ‘23 rebuilt steering column 4:1 \$175 -Thanks John B! Cutouts \$2 Generator brush plates \$10, Misc signs -\$2 each. I think the Ford Service sign was the best bargain I got. Seriously it was \$2.

********* » It may have been a bit smaller than past years, but was really good I thought. Lots of Model T, some Model A and other early car parts were there. Many good deals I thought. I saw more brass era narrow nose pans at this meet than I have seen in one place in decades. I counted a dozen of them at least, and came home with two myself! Thank you Erik Barrett. I came home with one aluminum hogshead in terrible condition.let me have it for five. I think I can fix it up well enough to use... I got some wheel parts to complete a set of 21 inch wheels I am rebuilding, and a nice 30X3 front clincher rim. I took advantage of someone wanting to give away several fenders and side splash shields, included a pair of 1916 rear fenders in poor condition, but I can fix them. What made it even better, another long-time friend (Phil Lawrence, who posts on the forum sometimes) it turned out needed the brackets riveted inside the fender. I wanted to change the brackets to the '15 style, so he and I are both getting what we wanted from them! A couple of the other fenders, I did not need, but I DID need some hardware that was on them. That will be a win-win-win-win! John Boorinakis got rid of some rusty junk he wanted gone, I got two rear fenders I wanted to fix up, I got some hardware I needed, and Phil L gets the brackets he needed. I got several other minor things I needed for my runabout.... There were a few cars for sale, several project cars available, and lots of good parts changing hands.

Thank you Mother Lode Model T Ford Club! Thanks to Erik B, Robert W. A bunch of club members I don't know the names right off, and all involved.

********* » ---at 9 am I asked about pie and was told only apple and peach left, so we had some crumble-apple pie-- Lots of early stuff there, that was impressive. I bought a suitcase full of vacuum fuel units to make a good one for my '16 Dodge Bros. and a pair of fairly good '15/16 splash aprons for \$10--they need some work on the top, but the bottoms look good! Seemed like a smaller crowd, vendors and buyers, but lots of stuff sold; there were 4 rebuilt wood fellow wheels went for \$1K--looked like Stuzman's work, but no proof they were his. 12 miles away was an estate sale of T and A parts--lots of good stuff there too, and very reasonably priced. What amazed me was that at 1 pm there was still a very nice '26-27 gas tank for \$100 still there! Another great day...

********* »

Just got home- lots of rust and good deals. Got a slice of apple pie before it was all gone. Saw lots of folks and lots of parts. Thanks Mother Lode MTFC.

********* »Didn't buy much but sold all that I brought early, Which was great. Saw lot old friends made a few new ones. Thanks much MLMTC you put on a great swap.

Swap Meet Comments - Continued

********* » ..I met my old pal Erik Larson from Idaho the night before, got more coils from him then we explored the town. We found some great deals and met a lot of new people. Worth the drive in my opinion. I wish I had been going all these years!!!

********* » It was another wonderful event put on by the Mother Lode Model T club. Considering the relocation away from the grassy field this year to the upper asphalt parking area I think it went very well. Easy in for parking and great group of young volunteers waving directions to the buyers parking and clear signage to the exit. I did have one complaint, that the restrooms weren't available this year and that the portable wash station was clear across the lot from the port-a-potty. Other than that I had a wonderful time and I got to visit with many familiar folks and saw lots of wonderful Model T goodies that I don't normally get to see at the other Northern California regional antique car swap meets. It was a bit smaller as an earlier commenter noted but the many quality offerings were still there and good deals were available. I picked up a matched pair of 1920 license plates which, when I got home, I looked up on the on-line 1921 License plate archive and discovered that the number was originally issued to a Studebaker Touring car from Sacramento. Thank you Mother Lode Model T for another successful event.



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Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club Meeting Minutes, June 13th, 2019. Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, CA.

Call to Order - The Meeting was called to order by club President Gary Krezman at 7:00 PM. He was pleased being back in action after his medical problems last month and said that he was feeling 80% better! Are you sure it was not 81% Gary? Gary also noted a piece of historic club artifact that was largely unknown. The Club Meeting Gavel was in fact a handmade "beauty" handcrafted and autographed by Jack Duncan who passed away last Month. Gary called for a quiet moment of respect for Jack.

Greeter Report – No nonmembers of the Club were at the Meeting this Evening. Mike Berry (member) was present once again and greeted by Steve Short personally as a recent new Member.

Sunshine – Vice President Susie Krezman noted that she had mailed out get well cards to Tom Huff, Mike Bashore, Joyce Weitzel, and Mary Lynn Barrett.

Treasurer Report – Treasurer Debbie Bamber read the Income & Expenses for May 2019 and declared that our Club Savings were down slightly due to the Swap Meet expenses but continues to remain in a very sound and solvent financial position.

She also provided an update on Bill Bamber who is making progress on his recovery, while staying in a rehab program in the Auburn Oaks Facility. Happy Anniversary was also much appreciated by Debbie!

Gary Krezman reported that overall, the 2019 swap meet income looked very similar to the 2018 results. Final analysis will be reported in detail in the near future.

Secretary Report - Steve Short reported that the May General Meeting minutes were published in the Club's Monthly newsletter. Les Silveira made a correction regarding the offering of two large gifted Club Patches and Steve was tasked to correct the source.

VP - Upcoming 2019 Activities Report – Susie Krezman

June 18, Tuesday 11:30 AM LOL's (Ladies Out to Lunch). Sweet Pea's Restaurant, Auburn. RSVP: Mary Ramsey, 530 367-398

July 14th: Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour - Kitty & Sisters (You all need to be prepared to Leave from Raleys parking lot at 7:30 AM

August: Ice Cream Social - Bill & Debbie Bamber will be handing off the leadership to Junette Avey-Brown who has graciously stood up to take charge of this popular MLMTC Event, Thank you Junette!

September 21st: Colfax Railroad Days

October: Tour to Bridgeport Covered Bridge – Saylor will have details shortly

December: The Club's Annual Christmas Dinner is in dire need of a new Coordinator, and perhaps even a New Venue should be considered! Please contact any Board Member if you would like to be a hero!

Old Business – Club T-Shirts are still available from John Saylor to Club Members who wish to purchase them after he returns to the next meeting. They have been very well received by all of our Members!

New Business -

The Future of our Swap Meet - Gary Krezman opened up a important discussion regarding numerous concerns about the future of our most important Club fund raiser. His specific concerns center on the difficulties we have had properly managing and staffing many of the operations that are crucially important to the success of the Meet. Specifically, some of the areas that may need to be changed included:

- Hours of Operation:
- Staffing of the Gates:
- Parking Management:
- Food Booth:
- Overall Management of the Event:
- Broader Membership engagement in organized responsibilities:
- Clearer definition of responsibilities in each of the areas that need to be staffed:

(Minutes - Cont'd)

- Better balancing of the workloads for all of our Volunteers:
- The retirement of Gary Krezman from his historical 14 Years of Swap Meet Leadership:

What should the Board of Directors do to maintain the viability of the Swap Meet?

Show and Tell – On a brighter note, Steve Short provided a brief update on his Family's 60th Anniversary at the Indy 500 Race. Local Driver Alexander Rossi from Grass Valley lost winning by a mere fraction of a car length to French Driver Simon Pagnaud. Good News...Second place is very disappointing, but still pays big bucks!

Adjournment - With no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:20 PM, by **President Krezman**.

For Sale

Jack Duncan's children are going thru the necessary process of closing out his estate including selling some of the antique cars that were dear to him. We are selling the 1915 Model T roadster which was used on many of the Mother Lode Model T Club tours. Also his 1954 Studebaker Commander and three 10 gallon visible gas pumps. Below are descriptions of these items.

For additional information, please contact Dave Duncan at 530-906-0334 or dduncanoc@gmail.com. If you know of anyone who might be interested in any of these items, please forward this information to them.



1915 Model T Roadster - \$14,000

This is a great car for touring with many enhancements including a two-speed Ruckstell differential with Rocky Mountain Brakes. Also a three-speed twin high, high-low type auxiliary transmission mounted ahead of the differential. The combination of Ruckstell and auxiliary transmission allow the car to creep in a parade at marching band speed without the need to stand on the low pedal and to handle virtually any touring conditions with little effort. The engine is a 1926 with an electric starter and generator. The radiator is "flat tube" for more efficient engine cooling. The car has two tail lights instead of only one and very good upholstery and top in excellent condition. This is an excellent touring car, not a show car. The cowl and tail lamp bezels are not brass. They were spray painted a brass color. There are some small dents in the rear fenders, probably caused by rocks thrown

from the tires.



1954 Studebaker Commander - \$23,000

This Studebaker Commander is an outstanding original car with original interior that is in excellent condition and a nice straight body. We believe that the paint is original. The odometer reads 63,500 miles. The 224 cu inch V8 engine is clean and well maintained. The generous engine power delivers comfortable highway cruising and the automatic transmission makes driving effortless. This car was featured on the cover of the Studebaker Club of America August 2017 Turning Wheels magazine. An aftermarket under dash air conditioner has been added for additional comfort in touring. However, it was installed in such a way that it can be easily removed to restore the car to its original configuration.

There are a few minor defects including the right rear tail light is cracked, some local cracking in the paint near the antenna and a paint defect or scratch near the door seam. The car is ready to drive and enjoy. (Continued next page)



**10 gallon Visible Gas Pumps
(\$3,500 for pair with red crown
globes and \$1000 for single pump
with white crown globe)**

There are three visible gas pumps available, two that are nearly a matched pair and the third that has a different main body shape. All of original Standard Oil milk glass globes. The matched pumps have red crown globes and the single pump has a white crown globe. The



red crown pumps are original; the white crown is original except for the metal wrapper which was fabricated by Jack.

Also we have several boxes of Model T parts, a front axle assembly, two steering columns and probably some other model T parts that possibly someone in the club might want and keep what they need and sell or pass on the rest. For additional information, please contact Dave Duncan at 530-906-0334 or dduncanoc@gmail.com

Blast from the Past - T Diggins' August 1971

Nevada City Overnight Tour - By Naomi Edmonds

We meet at Safeway parking lot Saturday, July 17th and were on our way at 9:30 am. We went up Highway 49 and turned onto Lime Kiln Road and on through a beautiful winding drive to McCourtney Road. The Hyatt's towed their car to Nevada City so we could have a trouble truck along. We had six cars in our tour; Johnson, Waldens, Nowacks, Ron Brown, Hyatts and Edmonds. This was the Nowacks first trip in their T. We reached the National Hotel and put our luggage in the rooms. Everyone was hungry by this time so we went to the park in town and had our picnic lunches.

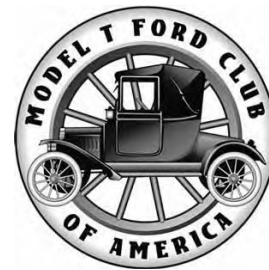
Four cars went on a trip up to Malakoff Diggins. Nowacks and Edmonds stayed in Nevada City and toured the antique shops and took advantage of the swimming pool. We had our cocktail hour around the pool. Then to the dining room for a delicious dinner of prime rib! Then it was back to the patio and pool for a relaxing evening and the children enjoying the swimming.

Sunday morning we drove to Denney's for breakfast and then to the Flea market at Mount St. Mary's Convent in Grass Valley where several "goodies" were found. We then drove on Home.

There were no problems with any of the cars. The only minor difficulty was that Ron ran out of gas on the Malakoff trip.



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Club Website

The Mother Lode Model T Club maintains a website at <http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>.

The website keeps members informed of club activities, photos of club events and members cars. The website also provides membership information an application and introduces those new to the hobby to the club.

The *Mother Lode Model T Club* was organized and became a chapter 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 at 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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