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

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October 2019

Message from Our President

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



Hey, it's pumpkin time and in driving around town I've noticed a lot of pretty interesting Pumpkin Patches. It might be a good time of year to have a Pumpkin Patch tour. John Saylor just hosted the Colfax Railroad Days which celebrated 150 years of Railroading in Downtown Colfax. There were five cars that attended the tour. The

event organizers put our cars on display among all the other attractions. We were located next to the Railroad Museum on one side and the Frontier Displays on the other side. Thank you to John, it turned out to be a very nice day. Be sure to check out Allen's pictures on the club website.

For this year's club donations, the Board has decided to split \$2,100.00 between three organizations, the Boys and Girls Club of Auburn, the Assistance League of Greater Placer, and the MTFCA youth program. Each organization will receive a donation of \$700.00 on behalf of the Mother Lode Model T Club of Auburn.

Our next tour will be on October 19th, the Manifold Cookout Tour to Penn Valley hosted by John Saylor. This is always a fun event to see what members are cooking and if it turns out by the time we get to our destination. But everybody always shares, so you will not go hungry. So make sure you get signed up early for this event.

At the September Board Meeting, I announced that we needed to appoint a new slate of Board Members, and everyone agreed to return to the Board. However, being two members short, John Saylor and Sherry Rodriguez came forward to fill the two positions. If any other club members are interested in being on the Board, please call any current Board Member to get your name on the slate.

We will pick the 2020 Board of Directors officers at the November Board Meeting. As is tradition, new officers and Board Members will be announced at this years

President's Message (Cont'd)

Christmas Dinner. Board Members, mark your calendar; we will have an Board Meeting, October 7. 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 you at the October monthly meeting.

Your President, *Gary Krezman*

Up Coming Events

- ♦ **Oct 7 - Board meeting. Round Table Pizza, Elm shopping Center. Dinner 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm.**
- ♦ **Oct 10 - Monthly Meeting, Auburn Sizzler. Dinner at 5:30- 7 pm. Meeting starts at 7 pm.**
- ♦ **Oct 15 - Tuesday, 11:30 AM LOL's (Ladies Out to Lunch). Sizzler, Auburn. No RSVP needed. LOLs will meet at the Sizzler on the third Tuesday each month at 11:30.**
- ♦ **Oct 19 - Manifold Cookout Tour to Penn Valley. Meet at Raley's 9 am, Leave at 9:30 - Saylor.**
- ♦ **Nov 11 - Auburn Veterans Day Parade**
- ♦ **Dec 8 - Christmas Party - Auburn Valley Golf Club - Details this issue - Paula Mikles.**
- ♦ **June 7, 2020 - 46th Annual Mother Lode Swap Meet**

Pat Bashore

Our sincerest Sympathy to the Bashore family. Pat passed away Sunday, September 29, with family at her side. Many of you know, Pat had a long battle with a failing heart and cancer. Pat and her husband Mike have been long time active members of the Mother Lode Model T Club, Auburn A's and 4 Wheel Drive club. She certainly will be missed. A memorial may be held at a later date.

LOL's

(Ladies Out to Lunch)

October 15 - Tuesday, 11:30 AM - LOL's (Ladies Out to Lunch). Sizzler, Auburn. No RSVP needed.

Always on the third Tuesday each month, 11:30 AM, at the Sizzler. Remember to mark your calendar!

The lunches are open to ALL ladies of the Club and we hope you will join us whenever possible.

October 19th - Manifold Cookout Tour

Meet at Raley's at 9 am leave at 9:30. Prepare your favorite manifold recipe or bring an old fashion picnic lunch. We will tour to Western Gateway Park in Penn Valley. I have the covered picnic site 4 reserved. Come on out and enjoy the cool Fall weather and maybe some Fall foliage.

Sign up at the next meeting or call John Saylor, 916-202-5842.



Veterans Day Parade

Let's honor our veterans. The parade will begin at 10:50 AM, Monday,



November 11 at the corner of Lincoln Way and Cleveland Street and will proceed down Lincoln Way. The parade will pause at the Central Square at 11:00am. There will be a brief patriotic

ceremony with the release of doves, followed by a fly-over (weather permitting), a three volley rifle salute followed by TAPS. The parade will resume onto High Street and end at the Gold Country Fairgrounds.

A Complementary Luncheon (hot dogs, chips, cookies, soft drinks) will be served at the end of the parade route at the Armory Hall. All participants and spectators are invited to attend.

Let's show our support. Sign up at the meeting.

Annual Christmas Party



Our annual Christmas party will be Sunday, December 8 at the Auburn Valley Golf Club. There will be a no host social hour at 1 pm with dinner at 2 pm. Please see the attached flyer for RSVP and meal choices. Reservations must be received by November 21.

For additional information, contact Paula Mikles - 916-215-2200

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Colfax Railroad Days

As Gary mentioned in his message we had a good time in Colfax and learned a little more about the history of the region. Those attending were Richard & Julie Instness in their 1926 Coupe, Chris Instness in his 1923 Speedster, David Pava in his 1910 Touring, Gary & Susie Krezman in their 1926 Touring, John Saylor in his 1927 Tudor Sedan and Janice came up in her modern car. Allen Koch attended as John's passenger and took a lot of pictures. Junette Avey and Phil & Barbara Lawrence also attended in their respective modern vehicles. Later in the day John & Janice's daughter Lori, husband Jesse with Luke & Colin came up after their soccer games. Luke and Colin got to ride back home with John in the T. Below are a few pictures from the event.



One of the Black Flag Gang



Lots of vendors with items for sale and info booths.



UP Railroad snow removal trains. We saw other rail maintenance equipment come rolling by.



Our Grandsons, Luke & Colin enjoying ice cream and the model trains.



One building with Lego Trains running.

Anniversaries and Birthdays



October Anniversaries

Gordon & Kitty Goodell	11
Robert & Suzanne Weitzel	11
Lance & Robin Gillming	13
Bob(Robert)& Lucille Dawson	21



October Birthdays

Olivia Marriott	5	Norma Hyatt	13
Roger Barrett	6	Lance Gillming	23
Ken Marriott	6	Allen Koch	23
Mindy Ingram	11	Dorothy Webb	28

Mother Lode Model T Club Meeting Minutes, September 12th, 2019. Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, CA.

Call to Order - The Meeting was called to order by Club President Gary Krezman at 7:03 PM.

Greeter Report – No visitors or guests were present this evening.

Sunshine – Vice President Susie Krezman reported:

- A thank You Note to Doug Avery & Junette Avey for hosting the Ice Cream Social.
- A thinking of You Card was sent to Mary Ramsey.
- A thinking of You Card was sent to Mary Lynn Barrett.

Treasurer Report – Treasurer Debbie Bamber read the Income & Expenses for July and August 2019 with only modest interest income and reported Our Club continues to remain in a very sound financial position.

Secretary Report - Steve Short reported that the August General Meeting minutes were published in our Club's Monthly newsletter. Hearing no corrections by the present Members, he declared the Minutes approved.

VP - Upcoming 2019 Activities Report – Susie Krezman (and John Saylor)

- **September 17th: LOL's (Ladies Out to Lunch).** Sizzler, Auburn. No RSVP needed. LOLs will meet at the Sizzler on the third Tuesday each month at 11:30 AM.
- **September 21st: Colfax Railroad Days.** Meet at Raley's at 8:30, leave at 9. Sign up at the next meeting or RSVP to John Saylor - 916-202-5842.
- **October 7th: Board Meeting.** Round Table Pizza, Elm Center. 6 pm dinner 7 pm meeting.
- **October 10th: Monthly Member Meeting.** The Sizzler, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn.
- **October 19th: Manifold Cookout Tour** to Penn Valley Western Gateway Park, Covered Picnic Area 4-Meet at Raley's 9 am. Leave 9:30. sign up at the next meeting or RSVP to John Saylor - 916-202-5842.
- **November 11th: Auburn Veterans Day Parade.** Sign up at the October meeting.

- **December 8th - Christmas Party** led by Paula Mikles. The event again will be located at the Auburn Valley Golf Club. The Club will be paying a new \$50 fee this year for renting the Venue (approved by voice from Members present). A Social gathering will start at 1:00 PM followed by Lunch at 2:00 PM. The Golf Clubs New Chef will be presenting 3 choices: A Tri-tip Beef Dish, A Chicken Dish, and a Shrimp Pasta Primavera Dish. The Club will be paying 50% of the Luncheon expense for Club Members. Sherry Rodriguez and Debbie Bamber will be assisting and our traditional Food Drive gifting of canned foods at the event is encouraged by all who attend!
- **June 7th, 2020: 46th Annual Mother Lode Swap Meet**, Gold Country fairgrounds, Auburn.

Old Business – Club T-Shirts are almost sold out. Club Members should contact John Saylor to purchase. The Historic Club Videos donated by the Duncan Family are also be available for interested Members.

New Business –

- President Krezman noted that Bertie and Rich Baughman would not be able to attend the Board meetings the rest of the year. The Club Bylaws required a Board Motion for such circumstances, and the Board agreed to dismiss the Baughman Members effective September 9th, 2019.
- **John Saylor and Sherry Rodriguez** both volunteered to fill the 2 Vacant chairs on the Board and President Krezman appointed them to fill the 2 empty Seats for the remainder of 2019 (along with 2020). Gary also noted that the annual Officer Elections for 2020 will ideally be resolved in time for the annual Club Christmas Dinner.
- **The Club Swap Meet Trailer** has been returned to Gary, and it was agreed by the Board that the Club will keep the Trailer in reserve for the next year to see if it has any further use after our outsourced Food Service at the Swap Meet. If not, the Board will put the trailer up for sale.
- **2019 Financial Gifting:** The Board approved gifts for 2019 and the following recommendations were:
 - Assistance League of Greater Placer County \$700.00
 - Boys and Girls Club of Placer County \$700.00
 - The National Model T Exploration League \$700.00

Total Gifting for 2019: \$2100.00

Debbie Bamber announced that her Family is planning a “Celebration of Life” for her husband Bill Bamber at the Empire Mine on August 1st, 2020. Details will be announced in the future.

Adjournment - With no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:05 PM, by **President Krezman**.

Respectfully , Stephen J Short, Secretary



Blast from The Past - Reprinted from the January 1972 T-Diggings.
Clem Sala and his brother Vic were known
for building some very fast Model Ts.

GROWING UP WITH MY MODEL T'S, #3
"Racing on the Berkley Pier"
By Clem Sala

A guy from Berkeley had a Star four-cylinder Roadster that he had souped up and I'll have to admit it was pretty fast. All of us "soup-hounds" used to hang out at a gas station and sandwich shop close by my home. Anyway, this guy in the Star claimed he could beat me in a race. We decided to go out to the Berkeley Pier which was a long bridge that went out to deep water where you go on the ferry to San Francisco. The bridge was about two miles long and the ferry quit running at midnight so that the bridge was empty, that is, no traffic at 12 a.m. We drove out to the end with the intention of racing back to shore. All of us racing nuts were there. I lined up alongside the Star and off we went. The guy in the Star was an older man than I and a little smarter. Anyway he got the jump on me and was in the lead. I came up fast and was just about to pass him at 70 mph when he threw a smoke screen out his exhaust pipe. He had a pump in his car that could shoot oil in the exhaust manifold and smoke coming out of the pipe was so thick you couldn't see a thing. I tried to dodge the smoke. I couldn't see the rails on the bridge and I didn't know where I was. The first thing I did was hit the rail on the right side then swerve over and hit the rail on the left side, coughing and chocking all at the same time. I blew out one tire and bent the axle and wishbone. The guy in the Star kept going and I never saw him again. If I had, I would have killed him with a tire iron.

Since I have been running the reprints of Clem's Model T escapades, several have asked if he was a member of the Mother Lode Model T Club. I reading through the old newsletters, I find that Clem was a member and was Vice President in 1972. He was living in Roseville.

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October in Ford History

October 10, 1901 - Henry Ford entered his first automobile race held at Grosse Pointe, Michigan. The race was a 25 mile Sweepstakes which was cut down to 10 miles due to the lateness of the day. He won. The racer had only 2 cylinders and 26 horsepower. (more HP than a Model T with 4 cylinders!)

October 25, 1902 - Henry Ford's racer, the 999 driven by Barney Oldfield, set an American speed record at Grosse Pointe, Michigan. The huge 1156 cu. in. engine is mounted in a wood frame.

October 22, 1906 - Henry Ford succeeds John S. Gray as President of the Ford Motor Company. The Model N, four cylinder car was in production. The six cylinders, 40 hp Model K was introduced along with the Model R and S, both 4 cylinder.

October 1, 1908 - The Ford Motor Company introduced the newest and most satisfactory entry into the growing automobile market, the Model T.

October 21 1917 - Production began on the Fordson Tractor.



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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 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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