



# T Diggins'



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

<http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

**September 2019**

## Message from Our President

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



I would like to start out by saying goodbye to another one of our dear friends, Bill Bamber. He was a guy who was very knowledgeable in the Model T trade and was always there to help when needed. I am sure God has a big garage in heaven for Bill to complete his journey. My prayers and thoughts go out to the entire Bamber Family.

For those of you who missed it, the August 9th Auburn Cruise Night was a big success for the Model T Club. The Model T Club was represented with two (2) hundred year old cars by Eric and Cindy Lindstedt and Brad and Annette Lusk. Both with their 1919 Model T's. There was also a variety of other Model T's present hosted by Ben Linstedt, Ed and Sherry Rodriguez and Gary and Susie Krezman. Thank you to all who participated in the event.

I would like to thank Junette Avey for hosting this year's Ice Cream Social and Doug Avery for providing the venue. What a perfect setting it turned out to be. We all enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner with ice cream for dessert. We all got to visit and relax while Doug gave tours of his 1850's rock house, what a treat.

Board Members put on your agenda that I would like to have a September Board Meeting on Monday September 9th at the Round Table Pizza at 6:00 pm for Pizza and 7:00 pm for the Meeting.

Colfax Railroad Day's is coming up on September 21, meeting at Raleys at 8:30 am and leaving at 9:00am to celebrate 150 years of railroads. This should be a fun filled day, so let's all try to attend. 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 all at the September monthly meeting.

Your President

*Gary Krezman*

## Up Coming Events

- ♦ **Sept 9 - Board meeting. Round Table Pizza, Elm shopping Center. Dinner 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm.**
- ♦ **Sept 12 - Monthly Meeting, Auburn Sizzler. Dinner at 5:30- 7 pm. Meeting starts at 7 pm.**
- ♦ **Sept 17 - 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.**
- ♦ **Sept 21- Tour to Colfax Railroad Days. Meet at Raley's 8:30 Leave by 9 am- Celebrate 150 years of Railroads.**
- ♦ **Oct 19 - Manifold Cookout Tour to Penn Valley. Meet at Raley's 9 am, Leave at 9:30 - Saylor.**
- ♦ **Nov - Open**
- ♦ **Dec 8 - Christmas Party - Paula Mikles.**
- ♦ **June 7, 2020 - 46th Annual Mother Lode Swap Meet**

## Roster Update

**Dick & Wanda Johnson - 916-202-1911**  
**PO Box 960**  
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## LOL's

(Ladies Out to Lunch)

September 17 - Tuesday, 11:30 AM LOL's (Ladies Out to Lunch). Sizzler, Auburn. No RSVP needed.

The ladies have decided to make this a permanent location on the third Tuesday each month, 11:30 AM. Since there is to be no Hostess for each month, reminder phone calls will not be made to the members. Remember to mark your calendar! Check this newsletter and the website calendar. The lunches are open to ALL ladies of the Club and we hope you will join us whenever possible.

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## 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.



Yummy Kabobs



## September Tour

September 21 we will tour to the town of Colfax to participate in the Annual Railroad Days. We will have dedicated parking for our cars. The event will include Union Pacific

Railroad displays, Amtrak display, Model Railroad display, 1840's Re-enactment Camp, Face painters, Balloon Artists, The Black Flag Gang, Music, Pancake Breakfast, Food and Refreshments. Looks to be a fun event.

Meet at Raley's at 8:30, Leave at 9. Sign up at the meeting or call John Saylor, 916-202-5842.



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## Creative cooking from past tours



Tube steak on the "tubes".

Might ought to skin the rabbit first!







*Reprinted from the Auburn Journal. Aug 06, 2019*

### Applegate family's Model T cranks into Cruise Nite

A 1919 Model T Ford Runabout recently celebrated its 100th birthday and over 50 years of same family ownership by the Lindstedt's: Erik, Cindy and son, Ben, of Applegate.

Being the most inexpensive Ford base model of 1919 at around \$500, the car was not equipped with the electric starter as was available on the upscale coupe and sedan. It is hand-crank starting only with magneto powered headlights that dim or shine brightly depending on engine speed. Ford supplied kerosene sidelights, too, just in case a bulb blew out on a high-speed run. Like the other Model Ts made from 1909 – 1927, the car produces about 20 horsepower and has a top speed of around 40 miles per hour on an open flat road.

The car was a "complete basket case" when it was acquired in the late 1960s. It was fully restored by Erik's father Roy Lindstedt, who at the time taught machine shop at Berkley High School and Merritt College in Oakland. But with several years of effort with help from Erik and Roy's students, the project was completed and running just in time for the summer of 1969. During its last 50 years, the car has never been trailered to or from a car show — it's a driver.

The vehicle is one of three Model Ts currently owned by the Lindstedts. This 1919 Ford will be on display at Auburn Cruise Nite from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 and several other cars from the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club. Cruise Nite hosts hundreds of classic cars from 1972 and older lining the streets of Lincoln Way. The next and last Cruise Nite of the year is Sept. 13.



Also showing were Brad & Annette Lusk's 1919 Center Door, Gary & Suzy Krezman's 1926 Touring. Ed & Sherry Rodriguez's '29 Sport Coupe.



## 12th Annual Ryan Ramble

August 7-11

The Ryan Ramble is a four day annual tour hosted by Matt Ryan (NORCAL HCCA) and his family. This year the tour was based in South Lake Tahoe, Ca. Check-in was Wednesday evening at Jim & Kathy Ryan's home in Orangevale. We picked up our tour bags, snacked on finger food, checked Jim's shop and garages and then Maya gave us a tour through the home that her and Matt are building on a lot in front of Jim & Kathy's.



Thursday Morning we assembled at the Ryan residence snacked on donuts and then we were off for 112 miles touring to South Lake Tahoe. We drove back roads to Placerville where we topped off our gas to be safe. Not much gas between here and Tahoe. We also met up with participants that lived near there. More good back roads joining up to Mormon Emigrant Trail near Sly Park. The next segment took us through beautiful green forests to Highway 88, and over the 8600 foot Carson Pass. Our lunch stop was at Kit Carson Lodge on the North Shore of Silver Lake. After lunch we

continued on to South Lake Tahoe and checked into our motel. Some tinkered with the cars while others relaxed on the hospitality deck. Dinner was on our own at various restaurants in the area.

Friday morning after breakfast, gasing up and more car tinkering, we headed up the west side of the lake to Homewood for the Lake Tahoe Concourse d'Elegance Tahoe Yacht Club Boat Show. These were vintage Chris Craft and other makes of wooden boats. If you think polishing brass is hard, these boats need total refinishing every 4-6 years. Many of these boats were powered by 6 cylinder Chrysler engines, some with two, some with Allison V12s, some up to 900 HP. Definitely some go fast boats. After lunch, most headed back doing various activities on their own.

Saturday was a free day to relax or do optional activities. Some drove around the lake, some went for a cruise on the paddle wheel boats or took a gondola ride to the top of Heavenly and or rode the gravity powered Mountain Coaster down the hill. Janice and I checked out the Gatsby Festival at the Tallac Center. There were several cars on display including one from our group. Lynn Kissell had his 37 Packard there on display. Saturday evening Janice and I went to see the "Million Dollar Quartet" play at the Shakespeare Festival at the Sand Harbor outdoor amphitheater. It told the story of a chance meeting up of Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis at Sun Records. They played some great live music from days past.

Sunday morning we packed up and headed home back over Carson Pass and some different roads through Omo Ranch, Fair Play and Shingle Springs with a regroup and lunch in Cameron Park.







*Matt & Maya were married the weekend before.*

**The Boat show→**

[Click here to see more tour pictures](#)

Below - Hwy 88, near Pioneer, on the way home: Chris Instness, Rich & Julie Instness, John Saylor, Rich & Sherry Silva, Wendel & Michele Waltz & Mark O'Connor.



Photo Below - Group shot at the Heavenly Ski Resort parking lot as we left Tahoe.







Pictures from the Ice Cream Social - August 24 Hosted by Junette at Doug Avery's place in Cool.



Junette, Doug, Junette's son Nathan and her sister, Debbie.



Joyce, Toni, Toni's Grand Daughter and Richard



Bobby Weitzel, David & Becky Harrison



Erik and Roger Barrett



Phil & Barbara Lawrence



Allen Koch an Jerry Moore



David & Becky's 26 Coupe and Bobby Weitzel's Mercury Speedster



Jerry Moore, Gary & Susie Krezman, Polly & Steve Elliott



## Anniversaries and Birthdays



### September Anniversaries

Mike & Pat Bashore	5
Kent & Kristy Keyser	11
Ken & Olivia Marriott	28



### September Birthdays

Richard Instness	2	Mark O'Connor	20
Eula Marriott	9	Bobbi Machado	22
Maya Marroitt	11	Doug Avery	26
Vern Marriott	16	Kristy Keyser	27
Paula Mikles	16	Helen Johnson	28
Al Stoll	17		

**For Sale - 1926 Coupe. \$10,000 OBO**  
 New battery, 4 new tires & tubes, 5 new hub caps,  
 new brassworks radiator, Ruckstell, distributor,  
 good paint & upholstery.

**Contact: Jerry Dorville, 530-273-7440, Grass Valley.**



## Mother Lode Model T Club Meeting Minutes, August 8, 2019.

Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, CA.

**Call to Order** - The Meeting was called to order by Club President Gary Krezman at 7:00 PM.

**Greeter Report** – Junette Avey-Brown noted that Jerry Moore was present after some time off, along with a good friend Rick. Welcome back!

**Sunshine** – Vice President Susie Krezman reported that she had not sent out any cards in the Month of July. Vern Marriott conveyed the information that his Wife Eula was continuing to have serious medical issues. Debbie Bamber offered the sad information that her Husband Bill had passed away peacefully surrounded by Family several days ago. A moment of silence was noted.

**Treasurer Report** – Treasurer Debbie Bamber read the Income & Expenses for July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and reported that our 2019 Swap Meet results were very similar to the 2018 Event. Our Club continues to remain in a very sound and solvent financial position.

*(Minutes Continued)*

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**Secretary Report** - Steve Short reported that the June General Meeting minutes were published in the Club's Monthly newsletter. Hearing no corrections needed by the Members who were present, he declared the Minutes approved and to be filed in the Club Records.

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

**August 24th: Ice Cream Social & Potluck-** Meet at Raley's 3pm. Tour to Doug Avery's Ranch, 1930 Hwy 193, Cool, about 2 miles east of Hwy 49. Please bring your own table RSVP to Junette with your potluck dish- 916- 436-4176.

**September 12<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Members Meeting.** The Sizzler, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn 5:30 – 7:00 PM Dinner. Meeting starts at 7 PM. Guests and prospective members welcome.

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**December 8<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party,** Paula Mikles & Co

**June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020: 46th Annual Mother Lode Swap Meet,** Gold Country fairgrounds, Auburn.

**Old Business** – Club T-Shirts and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Radiator Badges are still available from John Saylor to Club Members who wish to purchase them through John Saylor.

**2020 Swap Meet Good News!** Gary announced that he is delighted to thank the volunteer services offered by Brad Lusk, Philip Lawrence, and Eric Lindstedt who have all stepped up to make a new Team to assure that our Swap Meet is not lost into History, Thanks to all our volunteers! Secondly, it has been determined that our Traditional Food Booth structure will be replaced by a contracted food vendor or truck from here forward. Details are yet to be worked out. **Kudos to the many Ladies of the Club who have spent so much time over the Years!**

**New Business - None**

**Adjournment** - With no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:35 PM, by **President Krezman.**  
Respectfully, Stephen J Short, Secretary





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

**GROWING UP WITH MY MODEL T'S, #2 "souping it up"**  
By Clem Sala

I went up to the Berkley YMCA one night in my speedster. I was alone and wanted to go swimming there. I parked the T outside and went in and had my swim. When I was ready to go home I went out, turned the switch on, gave it about two cranks and she back fired and spun the crank out of my hand. It came around and hit me above the wrist, breaking both arm bones. I knew they were broken as my arm had a funny bend in it. I was alone so I put the spark lever up, which I had forgotten to do, and kicked the crank with my foot. I got the motor going and drove myself to the emergency hospital. I walked in and told the doctors what had happened. They asked me how old I was. I told them and they in turn told me they would not touch me until they got a parents' consent. We had no telephone so I had to sit there until a policeman picked up my mother to sign the papers about two hours later.

About this time I decided to make a roadster out of my speedster. I was working now as a delivery man for a meat market driving a Model T pickup, which was another story in itself; I will write about it one of these days. I went down to see one of my friends at the dump and found a roadster body and four fenders. I went to Western Auto and got an upholstery kit and put it in. I still have a picture of it as a roadster. A friend had a Ruckstell axle that he had taken apart then couldn't figure how to put it back together. He gave it to me. It was the first Ruckstell I ever had and it took me about a week to figure out how it went together. I put it under my roadster and I really thought I had something at the time.

One day while driving to work I saw the car of my dreams sitting in a used car lot. It was a Mercury Body Model T with a four-valve Rajo and Buffalo wire wheels. I couldn't sleep or eat for two days trying to figure out how to buy that car. I finally went to my boss and asked him if he would loan me enough money on my salary to buy the Mercury T. He thought it over for a while and then said he would loan me the money if I gave him the pink slip to hold on the car. I said OK and bought the Mercury. I remember the price was \$185 which was like a \$1000 to me. It took me a year and a half to pay him off. This was the turning point in my young days. I never owned another stock T until I bought my 1915 T in 1960.

The four-valve T ran pretty good but I wasn't satisfied as some of the "soup-hounds" (as we were called in those days) were leaving me in the dust. One day a kid came into the meat market where I was working and told me there was a brand new Rajo eight valve racing head in a garage up the street. The garage man wanted to get rid of it. I went up to see him during my lunch hour and there it was; a brand new head with all the parts, even a carburetor and Rajo muffler. I asked him how much and he said, "Well kid, if you give me \$20.00 for it you can have it." I almost fainted as the heads were selling for \$125.00 complete at the time. It seems the garage man had talked and old geezer into buying the head and installed it. The T had so much soup that the old man was scared to death of the car. He took it back and told the garage man that if he took it off and put the stock head and valves back on, he could have the head. The garage man said it cost him \$20 to put the T in stock shape. I got the head for that price. I put the head on my Mercury T and boy did she go. From then on I was the guy to beat.

*To Be Continued next month, "Racing on the Berkley Pier"*



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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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