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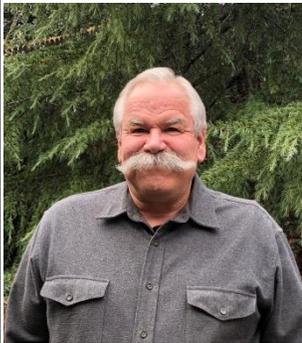


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January 2021

## President's Message

Boy howdy!



We finally put that last nail in the coffin for 2020. I'm sure glad it's over with. I'll wish everyone a big Happy New Year and hope for the best in 2021.

I'd like to welcome our newest members, Lee Adama and Stuart Lauters, to the club. In my typical hurry to scribble out a president's message at the last minute, I overlooked welcoming them in December, so I apologize for that.

This year hopes are high that things will be back to the old normal by Summer, so perhaps our annual swap meet and tours will return also. As for now, there will not be a president's pizza feed in January, or any general meetings for a while yet.

I talked last year about everyone getting their T's in good touring condition during the pandemic, so if you've been procrastinating, now is the time to do it! Change the oil, don't forget to check the rear end, grease those bearings, and oil those bushings. It's also a good time to flush out that cooling system and check all those adjustments such as the clutch, reverse, and brake bands, the brakes on the rear end, steering, tire pressure, etc.

Well, you've got your work cut out for you so get to it! We all want trouble-free cars when the tours start this year, and trust me, there will be tours in 2021! I for one will be really

looking forward to seeing everyone with their cars out on the road again.

Until next month, stay safe,

*Phil*

### Up Coming Events - 2021

- ◆ January 30-31, 2021 - The Turlock Swap Meet has been cancelled for 2021.
- ◆ Jan 31 - Stockton Swap Meet – Stockton Fairgrounds. [Details](#)
- ◆ June 6 - Mother Lode Swap Meet - Tentative date depending on Fairground COVID rules. See flyer this issue.
- ◆ July 9-14 - Spokane, Washington - MTFCA 2020 National Tour, hosted by the Inland Empire Model T Club - See details in the Vintage Ford.

### *Dues are Due*

Don't forget to renew your Mother Lode Model T Club dues for 2021. Please send your check for \$20 to:

Mother Lode Model T Club  
PO Box 4901  
Auburn, Ca. 95604

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## Area Swap Meets

Since the Turlock Swap Meet has been canceled, The Stockton Swap meet will hold a meet on January 31 at the Stockton Fairgrounds. \$10.00 admission, Free Parking. More info at: <https://www.facebook.com/StocktonSwapMeet/>

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The Sacramento Swap Meet, April 17, 2021, normally held at Cal Expo will be moving to the Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland. \$12.00 Admission. Free Parking. <https://www.sacramentoswapmeet.com/>

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## Let's go Touring Through Some Memories -

August 2014 – Breakfast Tour to Lincoln and their History Museum -





**September 2015 – Heading to the Folsom Rail Fest**

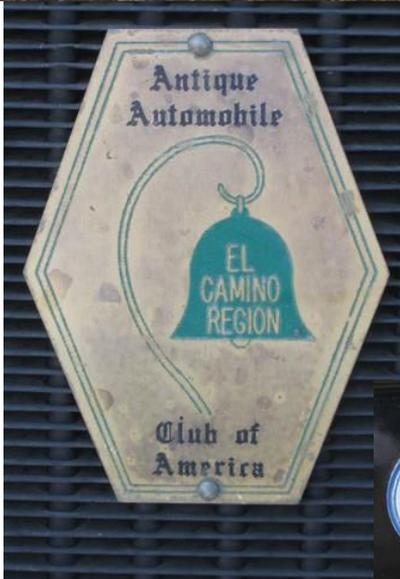
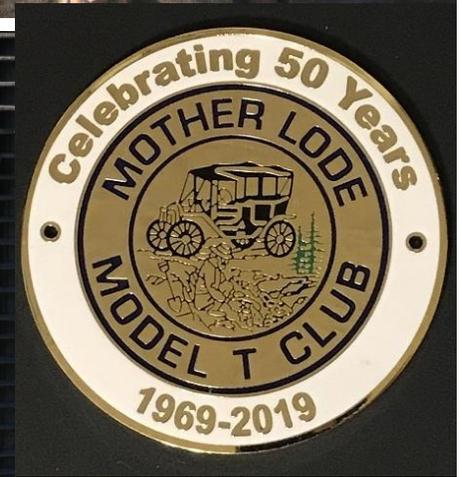


**John & Rich trying out the Hand Car**



**Milt makes an adjustment to Gordon's T**

Radiator Badges and Medallions, seen on tours over the years



## Anniversaries And Birthdays



### January Anniversaries

Mark & Barbara O'Connor	3
David & Patricia Pava	19

### January Birthdays

Mark Porco	7
George Tuck	12
Lynne Lyndon	14
Naomi Edmonds	16
Gordon Goodell	21
Tom Huff	26

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### From My Shop by Phil Lawrence

Since we are starting a new year, what better way to begin than with an organized shop!



I think I could truthfully say that we all suffer from clutter in our shops. This month I'm going to give you some tips and ideas on how to organize some of that clutter. It's not only unsightly, it can be downright dangerous. Having to climb over clutter on the floor is a safety hazard. Piles of stuff, whether it's trash or treasure, on the floor or work bench can be a real source of frustration when you're looking for a part or tool. You don't have to ask me how I know! Yes folks, I confess, my shop is a disorganized mess, which needs a drastic transformation.

So here are some of my tips to getting organized:

Some shelves can be mounted on the walls to store most anything. I like this better than shelving units that sit on the floor using precious floor space.

Buy some plastic bins at the Dollar Store to put stuff in after you've separated and categorized your parts or supplies. Put labels on the bins and the bins on your shelves. That makes everything nice and neat, and easy to find.

Empty jars from the kitchen are good to save and reuse in the shop. Remove their original labels and you can easily see what's inside. You can mount them underneath wood shelves or you can put them on shallow shelves just wide enough to fit the jars. You can buy new canning jars at the hardware store in different sizes. Jars do occasionally break but they are easily replaced.

One of the grocery stores we used to shop at before we moved put their discarded cardboard boxes in a bin out front for the taking. There were always small boxes of the same size that were great for putting small stuff in. I used many of them to organize the drawers in my roll-around tool chest. Used Amazon shipping boxes are uniform sizes and are easy to label and can store larger items.

Home improvement stores sell different size storage bins that are black with yellow snap-on lids. I'm sure you all have seen them. I have made good use of these for storing heavy car parts. They are easy to put labels on the lids and are stackable, taking up a minimum of floor space.

Small cabinets with plastic drawers can be purchased at hardware and home improvement stores and come in different sizes. They can be expensive, but are handy for small nuts, screws, washers and a multitude of other small items. Another plus with these units is that the drawers have moveable dividers and these cabinets can sit on top of your workbench or be mounted to a wall.

By mounting a sheet of pegboard to the wall above your bench you can mount a large amount of tools all clearly visible and easily reachable when you need them. The downside to this is that you have to buy the hooks or pegs to mount the tools on, which can get expensive. Also, to mount the pegboard you'll need to nail or screw narrow strips of wood to the studs as spacers for the peg board to allow a space for clearance to mount the hooks or pegs on the board. The pegs generally fit the board loose and can fall off the board when a tool is removed. Once your tool layout on the board is finalized you can put a dab of clear silicone on the peg or hook before inserting it in the pegboard, which should keep them in place.

Another way to mount tools above your bench would be to mount a 3/4" thick sheet of plywood and use finish nails to mount your tools. Spend a little more money, get a good grade of plywood with a nice finish and paint it the color of your choice. If you really want to get fancy, you can paint the outline of your tools on the board. By doing that, it makes a nice display board and you'll be able to spot a missing tool in a second. Use galvanized finish nails to mount your tools—they won't rust.

Another way to mount tools on a wall above your bench is to use magnetic strips. You can get these for a couple of dollars at Harbor Freight. You can buy magnetic socket holders for sockets and other tools. Buying these can also get expensive.

Large and small shelf brackets are used in my shop to hang larger parts on the wall. Using two large 12- or 14- inch shelf brackets enables me to hang three Model T frames together on the wall. Two smaller 4- inch brackets are good to mount a complete front axle assembly, wishbone included, neatly on the wall. I have also used these shelf brackets to hang wheels, rims, top bow assemblies, spare wishbones, front and rear spring assemblies, seat springs and a multitude of other parts on the walls of my shop and shed.

If you have spare engines laying on the floor in a corner, get some large furniture dollies. You can set a complete upright engine and transmission assembly inside the dolly frame. This way, you can easily roll it around. I have an eight-foot-long bench that I store two complete engines under easily and out of my way. The best part of storing them there is that they don't take up additional floor space and are easy to move when I clean under my bench.

Lastly, my most important tip is to have a place where everything in the shop can be neatly stored off the floor. When working on the car at the end of the day wipe your tools down and put everything you've used away, back where it belongs, even if you plan to continue the work the next day. Keep your tools and machines clean and in good working order so they are ready to use and can be found when you need them the next time.

I hope these tips on organizing your shop will be helpful. There's nothing worse than your wife or neighbors listening to you cussing and swearing because you can't remember where you last used your 9/16-inch wrench. I think we can, perhaps, all relate to that.

It's time for me to practice what I preach and do some more organizing out in the shop. You just never know, I might even find some treasures I didn't know I had!

I just thought of another tip: ask your wife if she would clean your shop, then go on a week-long trip by yourself. I guarantee that your shop WILL be clean on your return!



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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, normally 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.  
**Meetings are presently on hold due to COVID - social distancing Limitations.**

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.

## T-Diggins'

Published monthly to keep members informed of club activities and to promote participation in club events.

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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:

The Model T Ford Club of America  
P.O. Box 996, Richmond, IN. 47375-0996  
Telephone: (765) 373-3106. [www.mtfca.com](http://www.mtfca.com)



**46th ANNUAL MOTHER LODGE**  
**SWAP MEET**

**Sunday**  
**June 6, 2021**

**Gold Country Fairgrounds**  
**Auburn, Calif.**

**All County & State COVID Social Distancing & Mask requirements will be followed.**

**Gates Open 5 AM – All Spaces 15x25 - \$25.00. Buyers \$5.00**

**Vintage & Classic Cars, Parts and Memorabilia.**

**Vendor setup after 4 pm, or when the field is finished Saturday, June 5.  
All spaces first come basis. No Space reservations needed.  
All vendors must vacate by 3 pm Sunday, June 6.**

**Alcoholic beverages, Firearms, Food sales &  
Open fires are not allowed.  
Proceeds will benefit Local Charities.  
Food Booth on site provided by a local food vendor.**

**Contacts: Phil (530) 559-1440. Gary 916-599-0059.**

**More Info- Updates <http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>**

**Directions: I 80 Eastbound, exit Maple St., follow signs  
to fairgrounds.**

**I 80 Westbound, exit Nevada St., cross over freeway & follow signs.**

**Enter at 200 Fairgate Rd. from Auburn Folsom Rd., Spaces on the Ball Field.**

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