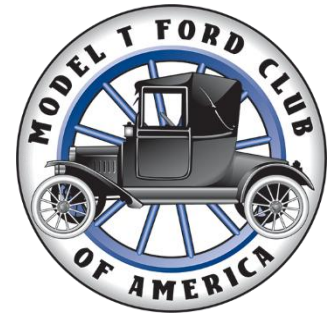




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April 2026

Presidents Message

Happy April everyone!

It's the start of our touring season with the Shakedown Tour on the 18th of this month to the California Auto Museum. Please let Susie know if you plan on joining us .

Susie is also still looking for someone to plan a May tour. May is such a great month for touring. It doesn't have to be anything complicated, just something to get us out together and on the road in our T's. Please let Susie know if you have something in mind,

Our General Meeting last month was attended by many members. It was nice to visit with everyone there. We still need someone to volunteer as Secretary to complete this 2026 year. Please consider joining the Board to help us out by filling this position.

Unfortunately, the Charter Lunch had to be cancelled last month, as our signups were too low for a buffet at The Ridge. The buffet option was originally decided upon by Board Members

as that cost per person was less than plated meals. I'd like to thank Susie for all the work she put into planning the event and for all members who originally signed up to attend.

Our Board Meeting this month is on April 7th at Mountain Mike's Pizza; pizza at 5:30p, meeting at 6:30p. Our General Meeting is on April 9th at Black Bear Diner; dinner at 5:30p, meeting at 6:30p.

Remember to bring your show and tell for the General Meeting.

Thanks for all your continued support for the Mother Lode Model T Club and our members.

Take care all,
Paula



Up Coming Events – 2026

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MTFCA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

2026 MTFCA National Regional Tours.

Save the dates.

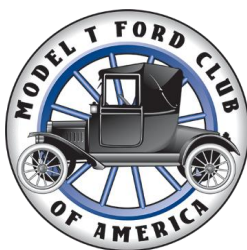
◆ June 22 – 26. Adirondack Experience, Eastern National Tour, Lake George, NY.

◆ September 8 – 12. Model Ts, The Mother Road & More. National Tour, Joplin, Missouri.

See more info in The Vintage Ford Magazine.

MTFCA Dues

Don't forget to renew your National MTFCA Dues. You should have received a notice in recent Vintage Ford Magazine.



Our local charter and insurance depend on having a minimum of 50% of our members also be members of the MTFCA. There are many good stories and tech tips in every issue.

Volunteer needed to fill the Secretary position for the rest of the year

Local Club Events – 2026

◆ April 7 – Board Meeting Mt. Mikes. 5:30 eat, 6:30 meeting.

◆ April 9 – Monthly Meeting. Black Bear. Diner, Auburn. 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.

◆ April 18 – Shake Down Tour to The CAM Route 66 display.

◆ May 1-2 - Bakersfield Pre-War Swap Meet – Sponsored by The Bay Area HCCA. See [Flyer](#) for more info.

◆ May – Spring Tour – Leader needed.

◆ May 15-17 – NWVS Speedster Run and Lowland Tour. Orangevale, CA - ” [Details](#)

◆ May 30-31 – 51st Annual Mother Lode Swap Meet. [Flyer](#)

◆ June 6-7 - 55th Annual Endurance Run & Lowland Tour. Santa Clara Valley Model T Club.

◆ July 18 – Long Beach Model T Club Swap Meet. [Flyer](#)

◆ July 25 - Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour.

◆ Aug – Ice Cream Social

◆ Sept 19 – “Picnic at the Ranch”.

◆ Dec 6 – Christmas Party at the Ridge.



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Anniversaries



None listed for April

April Birthdays

Susie Krezman	8
Dennis Furr	9
Beth Finkbeiner	13
Suzie Pierroz	21
Mike Berry	29



Here is Your Chance

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The Vintage Ford

The January-February issue of the Vintage Ford magazine arrived this week. This is the 60th year of the MTFCA and the Vintage Ford. Several good articles. Our swapmeet ad looks good. A good refresher on changing bands. And a story on the Wilner Ford. If your not a member, now's the time to join so you don't miss out on some great tech articles and history of Ford and the Model T.

Gil Machado Annual Shake Down Tour April 18.

We will tour to the California Auto Museum for their Route 66 celebration display.

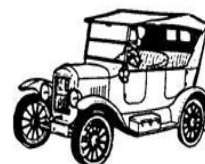
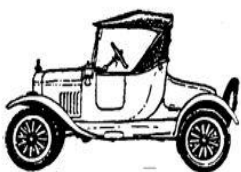
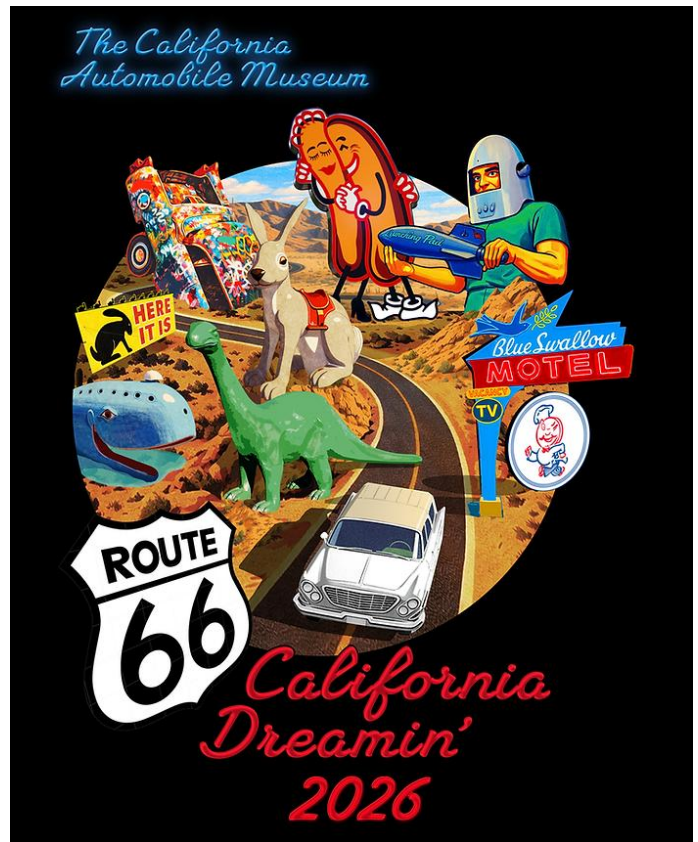
We will meet at the Raley's Parking Lot at 13384 Lincoln Way in Auburn at 8:00 am and leave at 8:15 am. We will travel back roads and side streets to the Wal Mart parking lot at 5821 Antelope Road in Sacramento to meet with our club members that live down the hill and some of our Sacramento Valley Model T Friends. Estimated time to arrive at Wal Mart will be 9:00 am. We will take side streets from there and arrive at the California Auto Museum located at 2200 Front Street at approximately 10:00 am.

We will have donuts for all at the California Auto Museum Parking lot. We will be greeted by our own club members Eric Lindstedt and Dennis Furr, they are very active docents at the museum and will be able to guide you thru the museum or go at your own pace. We will spend approximately 1.5 hours at the museum. From there we will drive to the Capitol Casino, 411 North 16th Street for lunch. We will have a private room, and the owner has private security on site, and they will keep an eye on the cars.

HISTORY

The California Automobile Museum was the first automobile museum in the west to be established in perpetuity. Founded in 1983 as the California Vehicle Foundation, the museum opened to the public in 1987 as the Towe Ford Museum, displaying the largest collection of Fords in the world, courtesy of Edward Towe, a Montana banker. The museum showcases over 150 classic, race and early cars, tracing the automobile's history and influence, with exhibits ranging from brass-era vehicles to modern cars. A very special display we will be able to enjoy is all about Route 66.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the April 9th meeting, or you can reach me at susiekrezman@gmail.com or 916 599-0552.



Swap Meet - May 30-31

Our annual swap meet will be here soon. We must advertise to let the area auto enthusiasts know. John Saylor will have flyers available at the next meeting. So, pick some up to take to spread around the area. There are many events that we can advertise at, other swap meets, Cars & Coffee events, parts dealers, etc.

Also start thinking where you can help. Areas such as Set up on Saturday morning, work a gate checking in vendors and buyers, park vendors.

“Big Boy” is coming to the area again this year.

Roseville April 10-11. 375 Atlantic St., 9 am to 3pm

Parking can be a hassle in Roseville. Chris Instness lives just a few blocks from the display site and has suggested his neighborhood for alternative parking. So, give Chris a call to make arrangements.

916-257-0265.

Colfax is having a big celebration Sunday April 12.

- ~Food & Craft Vendors
- ~Your favorite Gunslingers, the Black Flag Gang.
- ~Music
- ~Kids Zone and more!

A poster for Historic Colfax Railroad Days. It features a Union Pacific 4014 logo on the left. The main text reads "HISTORIC COLFAX RAILROAD DAYS" in large, stylized letters. Below that, it says "Invites you to join the celebration!". The dates and times are "Sunday April 12th ~ 10am-1:30 pm" and "Big Boy appearance 12-12:30 pm". At the bottom, it says "Food ~Vendors ~Music". The background is a stylized American flag with stars and stripes.

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Come join the party, celebrate the country's 250th birthday and see Big Boy 4014!

"Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest operating steam locomotive, will be joined by two commemorative locomotives, including the railroad's newest locomotive: No. 1776 – America 250. This new commemorative locomotive pays tribute to the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the

founding of this nation. The locomotive will feature the emblem of the America 250 Semi quincentennial Commission, the national nonpartisan organization established by Congress to lead the nation's 250th anniversary. More information about No. 1776 will be announced soon." For UPRR full viewing schedule...

<https://www.up.com/about-us/history/steam/schedule>

Meeting Minutes – March

**Mother Lode Model T Club
General Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2026
Black Bear Diner, Auburn, CA**

**Call to order: 6:32 PM
By Paula Mikles, President**

Paula: Welcomed everyone to the meeting. Junette has dropped out as the Secretary. Her cancer has come back and she will be focusing on her health, just as she should. We need a new board member who is willing to be secretary to take notes at all the board and general meetings.

Secretary: Kitty, acting as secretary for this meeting, asked if there were any corrections to the last meeting notes. Hearing of none notes were approved.

Treasurer: Kitty reported treasury is solvent.

Vice President: Susie reminded everyone of the upcoming Charter Brunch on March 29. Social at 1:00pm and brunch at 2:00pm. Julie Instness asked if the member price is \$40.00 per person is the Ridge charging \$80.00 per person? Club in the past has paid half of the price of these meals. It was explained the rate members are being charged is not half. Due to costs going up for everything the club can't afford to pay half the cost. With that members are being charged more than half the total cost. Costs for the brunch include room reservation, meal, 22% service charge, and tax. Susie advised at this time she had a total of 10 people signed up so we may need to cancel.

-Shakedown tour is April 18. Sign-up sheet going around. We will travel to California Auto Museum in Sacramento. Eric Lindstedt has secured 50 tickets for our use. He and Dennis Furr will be our docents. We will meet at Raley's in Auburn at 8:00am. Donuts will be at the first stop where we will meet our members down the hill and some members of the Sacramento Model T Club. We will have lunch at the Capital Casino in a private room. The owner will have private patrol who will watch our cars while eating.

-Susie reminded everyone of the Grace Aldridge memorial service March 21 at 10:00am with a reception to follow at Chapel of the Hills in Auburn.

-Looking for someone to head a tour in May. Please contact Susie if you have an idea. She'll be happy to help!

-Toni Moore is healing from her neck surgery but is not ready to go out in the real world yet.

-John Saylor advised he's having mobility issues from arthritis. Dr. put him on some medication that wiped out his white blood cell count. He's coming back from that and the Dr. will try new medication. Possibility we will need someone to take over his duties.

Old Business: Gary thanked everyone for all the help and wonderful appetizers at the Crab feed. It was a great turnout with lots of different appetizers. He also gave a special thanks to Elaine for all her help in organizing tables and food. The crab was delicious but he ordered more than needed. Ended up with a full box to sell. Gary's goal is to come out even. This year the club had to pay \$175.00. Everyone said they were impressed he came so close! Each box of crab is 50 lbs, which means it contains 25 lbs of crab meat per box.

-Swap Meet – Erin is no longer the contact at the Fairgrounds; our contact is now Sonia. There will be a board meeting April 7 which will focus on the Swap Meet. Open to all to come. John had flyers and encouraged all to take some and pass around or hang in business windows. John also pointed out on the Forum if something is said about our swap meet and we're looking at it please make a comment. New comments keep the subject at the top of the forum drawing more attention.

-There is an upcoming swap meet at the old drive ins on Hwy 50. Started as just motorcycles and bikes but now being expanded to cars. Vern will take flyers.

(Minutes-Continued)

-Gary can still use chair people for the different swap meet committees. Sandy Staples is heading up gate signups but will not be there on the actual swap meet. Need someone to assist in making sure all who sign up actually show up.

New Business: We need a new board member who can be Secretary.

Show and Tell: Chris Instness advised if there is interest he and Richard & Julie Instness would be willing to come to Auburn to lead a tour down to Roseville for the Union Pacific Big Boy display on April 10 & 11. Cars could park around Chris's neighborhood and then walk to the event which would be about 2 blocks away. Everyone would then be on their own. He will put together an email to be sent to the club to make all members aware and check interest. John advised of Union Pacific's new locomotive 1776, which is to honor the 250th anniversary of Union Pacific.

Paula: Next board meeting will be on April 7 at Mountain Mike's in Auburn and all are welcome. Pizza at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.

Next General meeting is on April 9 at Black Bear Dinner in Auburn. Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

By Paula Mikles

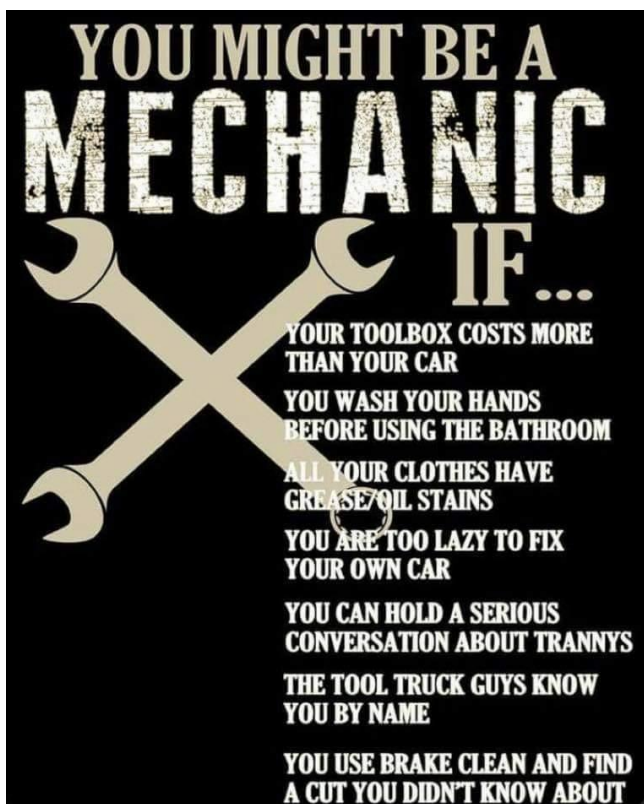
Notetaker: Kitty Goodell, Treasurer

For Sale

1915 Porcelain California License plates. Mint Condition. \$600.

1921 California License plates – Very Nice condition - \$200.

Contact John at 707-580-9576.





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