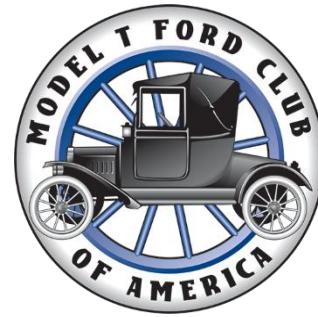




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February 2026

Presidents Message

Hi Everyone,

February is upon us and we are one month closer to touring season. If you have any ideas for tours, please let Susie know.

We had a well-attended General Meeting in January. It was mostly a low-key agenda, but as always, it was great to see everyone. We did have a significant motion that was passed when we voted to take \$2k from our \$10k CD for our 2026 member funds. We will use it to help fund our various events. Kitty, Susie and I will be reinvesting the remaining \$8k in an interest-earning CD. We also announced the discontinuation of our 50/50 Raffle after finding out from the CPA that it's considered gambling and is, therefore, illegal.



The President's Pizza Feed was terrific and well attended. It was so great to see everyone and enjoy some time together, along with the yummy pizza. We were happy to welcome new members, Tom and Janeane Stewart, Suzie Pierroz and Aaron Conrad to our Model T Club and to their first President's Pizza Feed. We are all so happy to welcome them and look forward to getting to know them better, as they join our tours and events.

February 21st will be our Crab Feed, hosted by Gary and Susie. More information is included in this newsletter, including the need for volunteers. Remember to bring an appetizer. We hope to have a great turn-out for this popular event. Gary and Susie always put on a great Crab Feed that is enjoyed by all.

There will not be a Board Meeting next month. The next General Meeting will be on March 12th at Black Bear Diner. See this newsletter calendar of events for more details. Remember to bring your "show and tell".

Everyone, have a great month and thanks, as always, for your support and participation.

Paula

Up Coming Events – 2026

MTFCA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

2026 MTFCA National Regional Tours.

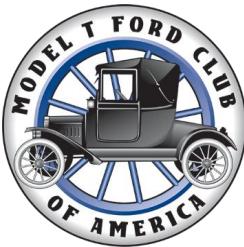
Save the dates.

- ◆ Lake George, NY, June 22 – 26.
- ◆ Missouri, September 9 - 12 .

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.

Don't forget to pay your dues!

Local Club Events – 2026

- ◆ Feb 12 – Monthly Meeting. Black Bear. Diner, Auburn. 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.
- ◆ Feb 21 – Annual Crab Feed
- ◆ Mar 29 – Charter Brunch.
- ◆ April 18 – Shake Down Tour.
- ◆ May 1-2 - *Bakersfield Pre-War Swap Meet* - It's a go! The Bay Area HCCA will sponsor the meet. [Flyer](#)
- ◆ **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 25 - Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour.
- ◆ Aug – Ice Cream Social
- ◆ Sept 19 – "Picnic at the Ranch".
- ◆ Dec 6 – Christmas Party at the Ridge.



**Happy
Valentines Day**

Birthdays and Anniversaries



February Anniversaries

Bruce & Mindy Ingram	14
Eric & Sandra Staples	27

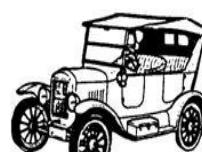
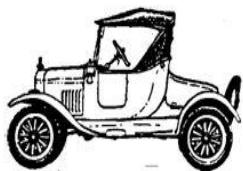
February Birthdays

Darren Saylor	1	John Saylor	22
Scott Fabel	6	Dianne Slattery	24
Eric Staples	7	Jerry Moore	25
David Harrison	9	Steve Straw	26
Loren Keeney	11	Bruce Ingram	28
Kitty Goodell	18		



Dues-Dues It's Past Dues Time!

It is past time to renew your club dues for 2026. Per our By-Laws, dues are due by December 31 each year and delinquent January 31. **Unpaid dues will now incur a \$10 Late Fee.** If you haven't paid your dues, you will be removed from the roster and no longer receive the newsletter and cub emails.





Our Annual President's Pizza Feed

Good turnout. Lots of pizza and visiting.

More pictures at on our website-[Photogallery](#).



**Crab Feed – February 21
Barn Stormer, 13626 New Airport Rd, Auburn
Members \$25, Guests \$60.
Please RSVP by Feb 13, 2026.**

See the attached Flyer, last page, for RSVP details.

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.

The story of the 1910 Model T (Adopted by the Mother Lode Model T Club)

Written by Kim Dobbins

This story has taken about 15 years to finally complete. 1910 Model T ford #23805 was sold by Hickman, Lauson and Diener company in Milwaukee, WI. on May 6, 1910. The buyer was H. B. Foster of Port Washington, WI. Foster was described as the local Ford agent in the book "The spirit of west bend" By Dorothy E Williams. She relates that Foster only drove the Ford 1 season until December of 1910, accumulating 7000 miles with only 1 flat tire.

By 1917, Harvey Bernell Foster is residing in Lancaster, WI where he resided until his death in 1971. Harvey, his wife, and another couple were in a bad auto accident in a different car which scared Harvey into never driving the T again. At some point, a squirrel chewed a small hole in the upholstery. Harvey cut a hole in the wall of his house and put the T in his living room where it remained until its sale to Donald E. Olsen in 1968. Donald Olsen had a very high IQ and was somewhat eccentric. Donald moved to Mexico where he died in a matter of 10 days of alcoholism. His estate was donated to a church, and his automotive collection of T speed equipment, and the 1910 Ford, was all sold at auction in Ridgefield, IL in December 1972. Cecil Church of Oblong IL was the new owner. The auction flyer described the T as being in remarkable original condition, having been driven for only one season and only needing new tires. Cecil sold the T to Rolland Rebers of Echo, Mn. in March 1986. Rolland only kept the car for 2 months and offered it to me because he wanted to buy farmland. I bought the car in May 1986.

The T runs very well and has better low-end power than any other T I've ever driven. The only thing changed on the car are the tires. I've owned this remarkable car for almost 40 years and have decided the best way to preserve this very special car is to donate it to the Ford Piquette Ave. Plant Museum. I'm confident they will take great care of the car, and it will be available for many more people to see and enjoy.

If it had not been for Cecil Church giving me the original 1910 Wisconsin license plate, I would never have been able to uncover the history of this remarkable car.



Thank you to Chris Instness for providing this story from the MTFCA Forum!!

You can read more about this car and its history on the Forum [Ctrl+click here](#)

**Mother Lode Model-T Club
General Meeting Minutes
January 8th, 2026
Black Bear Dinner, Auburn CA.**

**Called to Order: 6:30 pm
By President Paula Mikles**

Paula: I would like welcome Tom Stewart's wife Janeane, she is here for the first time. They are new members of the club. Paula asked Gary to share the two losses related to the club. Doug La Malfa who Represented California's 1st District, passed away at 65yrs. Gary shared that he met Doug at the ACCC. He was a great supporter of the old cars and a big help to ACCC president Bob Sterns.

We also were notified that Steve Short passed away from Alzheimer's. Steve was the club secretary from 2015-2020, he & his wife Virginia were great supporters of the club.

Secretary: The November 13th Minutes were approved as written. Respectfully: Junette.

Treasurer: Kitty reported income & expenses for November & December. A Donation to Model-T Club of America of \$500. was made. Junette read a thank you note we received from the Board of Directors. Treasury is solvent.

Vice President: Susie Shared the upcoming Tours: Presidents Pizza Feed

January 17th 1 to 3 at Mt. Mikes. Crab Feed February 21st. \$25. for members \$60. for guests. Checks must be in no later than February 13th with number of members & guests. March 29th will be the Club Anniversary at the Ridge. Susie is planning the Shakedown tour for April 18. September 19th will be the Marriott's picnic. Junette is planning the Ice Cream Social for August. Please contact Susie if you have an idea for a tour.

Old Business: Paula shared the information from the CPA visit. Mike Wilson said we are doing fabulous. The money we are giving to charities shows good faith. In regard to the CD anyone can gift us money & we can use it anyway we deem necessary. We can use it towards the Crab Feed, special event dinners etc. The cost of the dinners at the Ridge went up \$10.00. A member asked about the cost of the dinners for the board members at the meetings, that is an approved expense. The gifted funds can be use towards the room rental or towards the expenses of members who want to plan an overnight tour. In the past we had some great tours! Unfortunately, many members have sold their trailers which limits the distant we can drive for overnighter. The Board would like to move the funds to an account that pays more interest. Paula & Kitty are researching that possibility. If the Club folds, we would have to donate any remainder to Charity. A member asked how much we keep out of what we make from the swap meet? Paula said enough to set up for the next years swap meet. This would be based on the expenses from the previous year. We would like to have a motion on withdrawing a minimal portion to use this year. Gary made the motion & John S. 2nd the motion. It was approved by the members. Paula said this will probably not all be used but will allow us to see what we can accomplish with that amount or less.

New Business: Pizza feed at Mt Mikes, Pizza & drinks on the club. Salad & alcohol on your own. Crab Feed, Gary shared that the crab will be coming from Pacific Sea Food. Members are asked to bring appetizers. Sodas and water will be provided or bring drinks of your choice.

Kitty Shared that the Fire Truck we wanted to adopt at the Piquette Museum was already chosen so we are adopting an unrestored 1910 Ford Model-T Touring. This adoption runs until January 1st, 2027. Our donated of \$250. is used to interpret & exhibit vehicles like this to inspire the next generation of innovators & entrepreneurs. We received a Certificate of Adoption & an 8x10 Colored photograph of the car. There will also be a sign identifying our club's adoption next to the car. It can be seen on the website of the museum: fordpiquetteplant.org or at: piqsigs.org. The Person who owned it had

(meeting minutes, Continued)

it in the garage. Unfortunately, Mice got in & chewed holes in the seat covers. The top had never been put down, & he could not find a trailer tall enough to store it in. That made the owner so upset he opened up a wall in his house and moved the car inside. It was never moved out until the owner died.

There will be the Northwestern Vintage Speedster event in Orangevale with a tour. The event will be held May 15th, 16th & 17th. A group will be meeting at Matt Ryan's house for the tour.

Erik B was given a carousel of slides which are of our past club events. Members hope we can view them at a future meeting. Our new member Tom brought a custom-made cup which has Mother Lode Model-T Club on it. He found it in a thrift shop.

There will be no Board Meeting in February.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:14 pm

By President Mikles

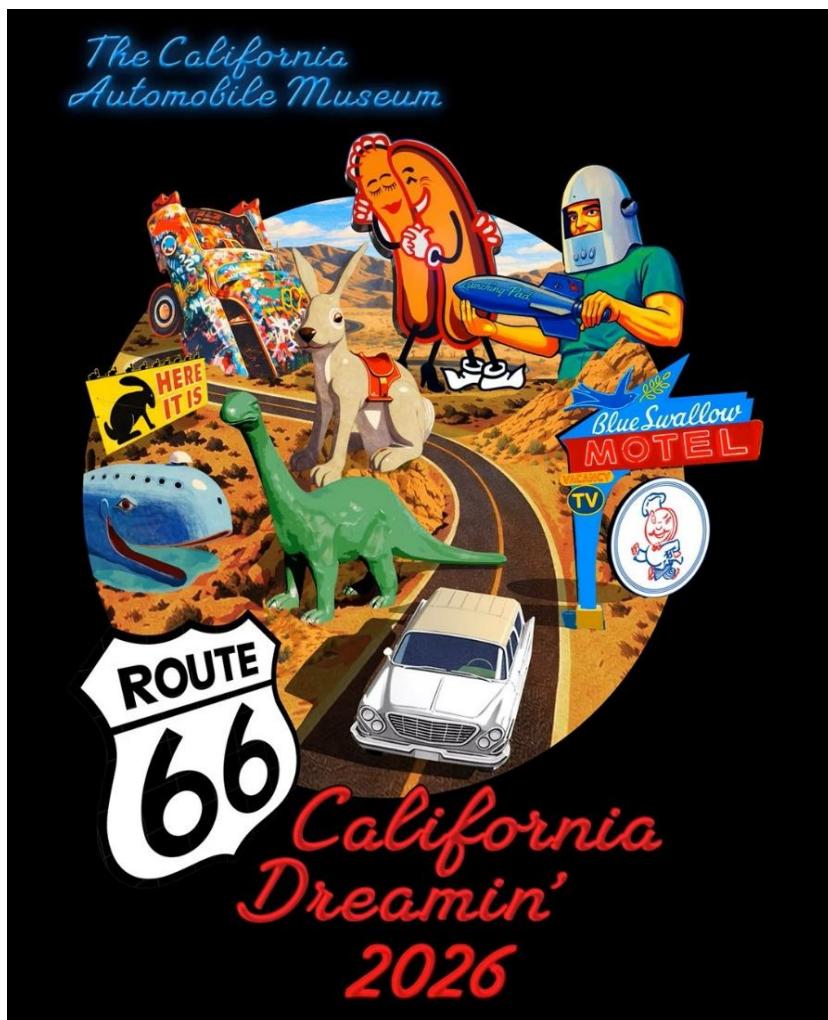
Respectfully: Junette Avey-Secretary

New Exhibit at the CAM

In 2026, we are taking a trip down the Mother Road of memory lane! **Route 66: California Dreamin'** will be a celebration of all things Route 66,

rolling through the many decades of history on the Main Street of America. This exhibit arrives just in time for the 100th anniversary of the route, and you can join in on this nationwide celebration!

This ought to be a destination for a tour this year.





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Mother Lode Model T Club Membership Application

Dues are \$30. / Year

New [] Renewal [] -- Renewals Due Dec 31

Name _____ B'day Mo ____ Day ____

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The Model T Ford Club of America

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 are \$50.00 payable to:

The Model T Ford Club of America
310 North 8th Street, Richmond, In. 47375-3035
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See www.mtfca.com

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COME JOIN US FOR THE
Mother Lode Model T Club CRAB FEED

Saturday - FEBRUARY 21, 2026
SOCIAL HOUR 5 PM & DINNER 6 PM
Barn Stormer
13626 New Airport Rd., Auburn, CA 95602

COST: Members: \$25 each. Guests: \$60 per person. Make checks payable to Mother Lode Model T Club or MLMTC & send them to Gary Krezman. Checks must be received no later than February 13, 2026, and there are no refunds or additions allowed after that date.

Gary Krezman
3950 Todd Rd., Auburn, CA 95602
916-599-0059 (garykrezman@gmail.com)

Salad, bread, water, soda and cake will be provided. Cake provided for dessert by the club, so your contribution for the potluck is any appetizer.

PLEASE NOTE: bring your own choice of drink if you want anything other than water or soda. Alcoholic beverages are allowed in the facility, and you may bring your own.



IMPORTANT!! Don't forget to write below or phone Gary with the total number in your group so we order enough crab! Also indicate how you will participate by stating what you will bring, and how you will help. We need help with set up (putting newspapers on table, bibs at each seat, lining shell cans) and clean up.

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NAMES _____

TOTAL IN YOUR GROUP ATTENDING _____

TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED FOR MEMBERS & GUESTS \$ _____

What appetizer will you bring? How will you help (set-up, cleanup, etc.)?
