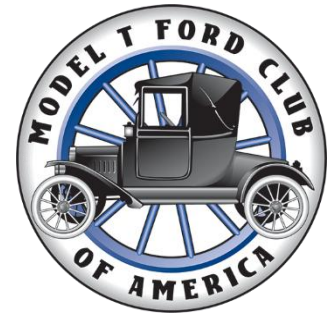




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July 2026

Presidents Message

Happy July everyone,

The year is spinning by and the weather is getting hotter. For our club it's a very busy and fun time of year.

After 25 years, Gary Krezman has stepped down as leader of the Swap Meet. Many, many thanks to Gary for so many years at the helm of this continually successful and community-loved event. At the June General Meeting, the membership presented Gary with a gift card for two 18-hole rounds of golf at The Ridge. In hopes of making his game successful, we also presented him with a box of glazed donut holes. Maybe they'll give him luck and he can score a couple of holes in one! Thank you again, Gary, for all your years of dedication to the Swap Meet.

I am so happy to announce that Erik Barrett has volunteered to take on the leadership role of our 2027 Swap Meet. Thank you Erik! This announcement was made at the June General Meeting. Personally, I have volunteered to be Erik's point person handling dealings with the Auburn Fairgrounds.

Susie hit it out of the ballpark again with her June Mystery Tour. We had a great tour which ended at the Penryn Grill for lunch. What a fantastic little restaurant! The food was excellent and the service was superior. They were so happy to have us there. What a great day. Our next tour will be the Beat the Heat Tour to Three Pines Grill in Colfax on July 25th. See the separate article in this newsletter for the particulars.

During our June General Meeting, we discussed the Board's suggestions for our 2026 donations to various organizations. See the separate attachment John sent along with this newsletter for details of the Board's proposal. As these are simply suggestions at this point, we welcomed more input from the members. Questions were answered and members were advised that we will bring this subject up again at the July General Meeting so more members can attend and share their thoughts, ideas and suggestions. Hopefully, the members can come to an agreement, enabling us to take a vote to approve the final organizations and amounts they will receive. We also took a vote to see if members wanted a secret ballot to vote on this matter or if we were comfortable with a show of hands. We decided a show of hands vote was fine. There will NOT be a Board Meeting in July. The General Meeting will be held on July 9th. See this newsletter for the particulars. Please remember to bring your Show and Tells.

Paula



Up Coming Events – 2026

MTFCA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

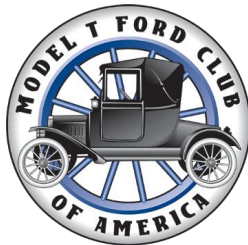
2026 MTFCA National Regional Tours.

- ◆ Aug 5- 8 – Homecoming, Richmond, In.
- ◆ September 8 – 12. Model T's, The Mother Road & More. National Tour, Joplin, Missouri.
- ◆ Oct 7-10 – 49th Annual Texas T Party, Columbus, Texas

See more info in The Vintage Ford Magazine.

MTFCA Membership

Our local charter and insurance depend on having a minimum of 50% of our members also be members of the MTFCA. Membership includes The Vintage Ford Magazine. There are many good stories and tech tips in every issue as well as classified and vendor ads.



See the *back page* for MTFCA contact info.



Local Club Events – 2026

- ◆ July 9 – Monthly Meeting. Black Bear. Diner, Auburn. 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.
- ◆ June 10 – Auburn Cruise Night.
- ◆ July 18 – Long Beach Model T Club Swap Meet. [Flyer](#)
- ◆ July 25 - Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour.
- ◆ July 30-Aug 3 - Ryan Ramble, Redwoods.
- ◆ Aug 5-8 - Model T Museum Home Coming. Richmond, In. [Info](#)
- ◆ Aug 22 – Ice Cream Social Tour.
- ◆ Aug 29 – F.A.S.T. Hill Climb, Auburn Airport. [Fyer Info](#)
- ◆ Sept 12 - Colfax Rail Road Days. [Event Info](#)
- ◆ Sept 19 – “Picnic at the Ranch”.
- ◆ Oct - Fall Tour.
- ◆ Oct 24 - F.A.S.T. - Santa Margarita Time Trials.
- ◆ Dec 6 – Christmas Party at the Ridge.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

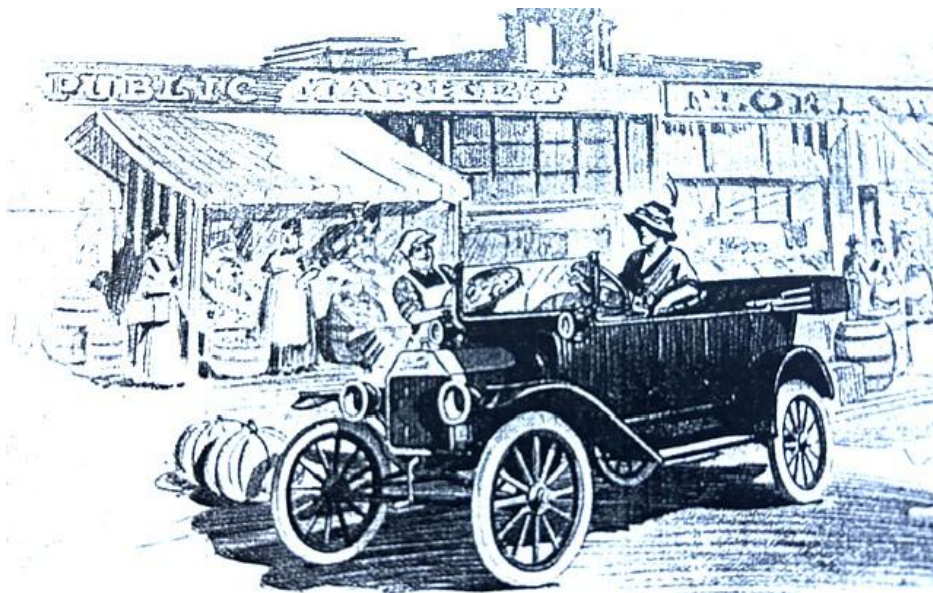


July Anniversaries

Thomas & Janeane Stewart	9
Jerry & Toni Moore	14
David & Becky Harrison	16

July Birthdays

Nich Boorinakis	5
Erik Lindstedt	10
Steve Owles	11
Jeff Slattery	27
Sherry Rodriguez	28



The Ford car brings the market to the housewife's door

June Mystery Tour

Hi everyone,

Thank you to the 17 participants who joined our June tour despite the warm weather. We traveled from Raley's toward Camp Far West, following a route along Bell, Mt. Vernon, Wise, and McCourtney Roads.

After a break at McBean Park, we continued via Sierra College Blvd and English Colony to The Penryn Grill. This local favorite was recently featured as a "Dining Destination" by the Sacramento CBS station on June 6th. Our host, Bre, was wonderful—providing us with water, exclusive use of the patio, and secured parking for our lineup of four modern cars, four Model Ts, and one Model A.

Please mark your calendars for July 25th for the Annual Beat the Heat Tour, hosted by Kitty, Gordan, and Paula.

Thank you again to everyone who attended. Despite the heat, it was a lovely day spent with great company.

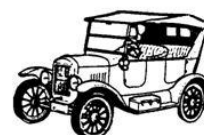
Susie Krezman

Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour

Please join us on July 25th for the Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour to Three Pines Bistro and Bar in Colfax.

We will meet at Raley's parking lot in Auburn at 7:30am, leave at 8:00am, heading to Colfax. We are hoping for a great turn out and wonderful time as we enjoy a short and pleasant tour and spending time with each other, while dining on delicious food, and back home before the heat really hits.

Sign up at the July general meeting or you may text Kitty Goodell at 916-601-1291 or Paula Mikles at 916 215-2200, or email Kitty at gkgood@att.net or Paula Mikles at pjmikles@gmail.com to let us know you're attending. Hope to see you there!!



Meeting Minutes – June

Mother Lode Model T Club
General Meeting Minutes
June 18 2026
Black Bear Diner, Auburn, CA

The June 2026 general meeting of the Mother Lode Model T Ford club was called to order at 6:34 pm by the president. The secretary's report was presented. There were no problems reported with the minutes submitted so they were accepted as published. The treasurer's report was given. Club finances are solid at this time. Revenue from the Swapmeet will be discussed under a different report. Vice president's report. Susie reported that the June tour turnout was good. Food was excellent at the Penryn Grill. The next event is the beat the heat July tour on the 25th. That will be in Colfax at Three Pines Bar & Grill. There will be the ice cream social on August 22 in Lincoln at Leatherby's Creamery. Under old business it was decided that no technological gadgets are needed for the secretary's job as the job as it stands is working perfectly fine. Swap meet report was given by director emeritus Gary Krezman. He reported that a lot of help stepped up at the last minute, and the fairgrounds staff also came together as well when necessary. Gary reported that revenue was on par with previous years and hoped this will continue as this event funds the club's Charitable donatons. The club presented Gary with certificates for rounds of golf which he loves and some donut holes too for 25+ years of great swap meets. New director reported that help is already coming for next year and looks forward to the transition with help from the past, present, and future of the club. We already have a liaison with the fairgrounds board and reservations for June 5/6 2027. Thank you president Paula. There being no important business in July there will be no board meeting. A spreadsheet of proposed charitable contributions was presented regarding disbursement of the swap meet proceeds. These will be voted on at the July general meeting and a private or show of hands ballot will be discussed prior. There was more positive feedback from members about the swap meet. Agreed that it should continue. No show and tell and meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm by the president.



Respectfully submitted,
Erik Barrett,
MLMTC Secretary.

The Ford Piquette Plant Museum

Some members have asked-What is the Ford Piquette Museum? The Piquette Plant was the Ford Motor Company's first purpose-built factory. Previously space was rented on Mack Ave, Detroit, Michigan. Ford Models B, C, F, K, N, R, S, and T were assembled here. The Ford Model T was developed here, introduced in 1908 as a 1909 model. The first 12,000 Model Ts were assembled here and shipped out by railroad.

The Ford Motor Company relocated to its new Highland Park Plant in 1910, selling the Piquette building to Studebaker in 1911. Studebaker used it for automobile production until 1933. The building was occupied by Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company and Cadillac Overall Company until purchased by Heritage Investment Company in 1989. It was sold in 2000 to the Model-T Automotive Heritage Complex, Inc., (doing business as) the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, that restored and now operates the historic site as a museum.

Our club sponsors a 1910 Model T now on display at the Piquette Museum which was donated to the museum by MTFCA member Kim Dobbins. This Model T is in pristine un-restored condition. It still has the original paint and pin striping. The car still starts and runs very well on its original un-restored engine.

The May/June issue of the Model T Times has a complete history of the car from its original owner to Kim Dobbins, who purchased the car in May, 1986. Kim donated the T to the Piquette last year.



This is the car our club sponsors. We are noted as such on the Piquette website.



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