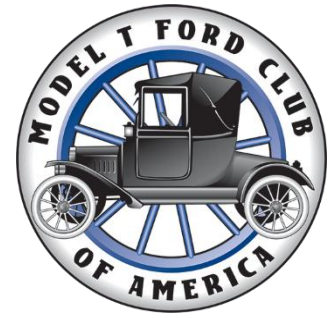




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May 2026

Presidents Message

Happy May to all,

It's that time of year when the beautiful blooms are all around us and we're gearing up for summer activities.

Our club started Spring with the Shakedown Tour on April 18th. Unfortunately, I couldn't attend but I heard that it was well attended and a successful and fun tour to the California Auto Museum and later for lunch at the Casino. How wonderful it is to have our own members, Eric Lindstedt and Dennis Furr, conduct the tour through the museum. Both Eric and Dennis devote a lot of volunteer time as docents at the museum and are very knowledgeable. Thanks to Susie Krezman for putting this event together.

We finally have a new Secretary! Erik Barrett has volunteered to take on this role. Our Board is once again complete and we are in compliance with regulations. I was close to having to cancel meetings, as we can't have meetings without our secretary position filled. Special thanks to Kitty Goodell for doing double duty as Treasurer and Secretary for the last couple of months. Erik, I appreciate you stepping forward and taking on this role. I know it's out of your comfort zone but we will support you along the way.

I'd also like to send out special thanks to Gary Krezman for filling in for me at last month's Board and General Meetings, while I was under the weather with COVID and asthma issues. I appreciate it so much. Please take a minute to read the minutes of the General Meeting that Gary conducted included in this newsletter.

There are no tours planned in May as no one contacted Susie to plan one. We do have our Swap Meet on May 31st of this month led by Gary and his crew. Please let Gary know if you are available to volunteer to help. Sandy Staple will be coordinating the schedule for working the various jobs. This is a big event with lots of moving pieces so any help you can give is appreciated.

Our next Board Meeting is on May 12th and our next General Meeting is on May 14th. See this newsletter's calendar for the particulars. Remember to bring your Show and Tell to the General Meeting.

Here's to a successful Swap Meet and a great month for all.

Paula



Up Coming Events – 2026

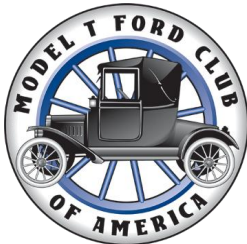
MTFCA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

2026 MTFCA National Regional Tours.

Save the dates.

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

Local Club Events – 2026

- ◆ May 1-2 - *Bakersfield Pre-War Swap Meet*. See [Flyer](#) for more info.
- ◆ May 8 – Auburn Cruise Night.
- ◆ May 12 – Board Meeting, Mt. Mikes. 5:30 eat, 6:30 meeting.
- ◆ May 14 – Monthly Meeting. Black Bear. Diner, Auburn. 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.
- ◆ **May – Spring Tour – Leader needed.**
- ◆ May 15-17 – NWVS Speedster Run and Lowland Tour. Orangevale, CA - ” [Details](#)
- ◆ May 17 - Swap Meet, Car Show, Hard Rock Casino, Wheatland. [Flyer](#)
- ◆ May 30- 8:30 am, Swap meet set-up. Early vendor check in.
- ◆ May 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.
- ◆ July 30-Aug 3 - Ryan Ramble, Redwoods.
- ◆ Aug – Ice Cream Social.
- ◆ Sept 19 – “Picnic at the Ranch”.
- ◆ Oct - Fall Tour.
- ◆ Dec 6 – Christmas Party at the Ridge.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



May Anniversaries

Martin & Julie Smith 1

May Birthdays

Kendall Porco	3
Connie Williams	5
Sandra Staples	5
Ben Lindstedt	31



The Vintage Ford

The March-April issue of the Vintage Ford magazine arrived last week. This is the 60th year of the MTFCA and the Vintage Ford. There were several good articles as with every issue. More on racing the Wilner Ford, 80 mph in a Model T Based Speedster! Quite an adventure. Good tech articles on the starter and carburetors. If you are 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.



Did anyone get down to see the "Big Boy" in Roseville or one of many other unofficial viewing spots. The weather was unsettled and Colfax got the short end again as the train was diverted to the Feather River Canyon and Portola due to bad weather over Donner and beyond.

There are many Youtube videos online that gives a good perspective on its size, that deep whistle and plume of white smoke. This one going up the Feather River Canyon is well done. Some spectacular views.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmhiyZ8qF74>

Gil Machado Annual Shake Down Tour April 18.

On April 18th, 2026 Eric and Sandy Staples, Ron Polglase, Erik Barrett (trouble truck) Kitty and Gordon Goodell, Ken and Levi Marriott, Cyndi Espinola, and Gary and Susie Krezman left Raley's and headed back roads to the Wal Mart on Antelope.

There we met up with Allen Koch, Rich and Sherry Silva, Mark and Barb O'Connor, Sacramento Valley Members David and Michelle Beady, and Mac and Wendy Weir. We headed to Old Sacramento and the California Auto Museum. We were met there by Toni and Jerry Moore, Cindy Lindstedt. Stevie Furr and Sacramento Valley Model T members, Kate and Harvey Bandy.

We had the very special opportunity to be shown the Museum by three of our members, Eric Lindstedt, John Anderson and Dennis Furr who are docents of the Museum. The Route 66 Display is worth a visit next time anyone is in the Sacramento Downtown Area.

Jerry Moore purchased a raffle ticket for a Porsche, good luck!!!

We gathered for lunch at the Capitol City Casino on 16th Street. Twenty-one of us enjoyed a delicious meal from steak sandwiches to breakfast.

It was great to see two clubs spending time with each other and enjoying the hobby.

Such a beautiful sunny day to be out with the cars in the company of such nice people. I did not hear of any breakdowns on our trip. Thank you all for attending, thank you Eric Barrett for driving the trouble truck, and see y'all on the next tour.

PS Visit the California Auto Museum, a true treasure to have in our backyard.



**Gary and
Susie
Krezman,
Tour Leaders**

Swap Meet - May 30-31

Our annual swap meet will be here in 4 weeks. 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 and clean up.

Sandy Staples has sent an email asking for volunteers at various times and needs. Please respond to Sandy to sign up for a time slot and duty.

51st ANNUAL MOTHER LODE MODEL T CLUB

Vintage & Classic Cars & Parts

SWAP MEET

Sunday

May 31, 2026

**Gold Country Fairgrounds
Auburn, Calif.**

Vendor Gate Open 6 AM – All Spaces 15x25 - \$35.00 ea.

Buyer Gate Opens at 6 AM – Buyer entry \$5.00.

Vendor setup -Saturday, May 30, 3:00 pm, or when the field is finished.
All spaces first come basis. Space reservations not available.

****All vendors must vacate by 2 pm Sunday, May 31.****

Alcoholic beverages, Firearms, Food Sales & Open Fires not allowed.
Proceeds benefit Auto Museums and local charities.

Food Booth on site provided by local food vendors.

Contacts: Gary 916-599-0059 or John 916-202-5842

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

Directions: *I-80 Eastbound*, exit Maple St., follow signs to Auburn-Folsom Rd. *I-80 Westbound*, exit Nevada St., cross over freeway & follow signs to Auburn Folsom Rd.
Enter at 200 Fairgate Rd. from Auburn Folsom Rd., On the Ball Field.

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The Hard Rock Casino Swap Meet in Wheatland on May 17 would be a good one to hand out a few flyers. Whose going?

Another way to spark interest in our meet is to post on [the MTFCA Forum](#). Simply ask the question – What are you bringing to Auburn to sell? Or, post what you are looking to buy.

Come to the meeting on May 14. Tell the membership what you are bringing to sell or what are your wants.

Meeting Minutes – April

**Mother Lode Model T Club
General Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2026
Black Bear Diner, Auburn, CA**

**Call to order: 6:33 PM
By Gary Krezman**

Gary: Welcomed everyone to the meeting. Small group tonight. Paula is ill so Gary is filling in. There were no new members present.

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

Treasurer: Kitty reported treasury is solvent.

Vice President: Susie-Shakedown tour is April 18. Signup sheet going around. We will travel to the 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 at Walmart in Sacramento 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 a private patrol who will watch our cars while eating.

Old Business: Gary said we talked about the need for a new secretary at the board meeting. No one present volunteered to step up to the position. Ed Rodriguez will call club members to try to find a replacement. Erik Lindstedt reminded everyone there is a list of duties that describes the position on our website under Members Only. John will email a copy of that to Ed so he has it. Looking into AI taking notes however we still need a secretary. Steve Straw has information to share from other clubs that use it and will be talking about it at the May board meeting on May 12.

Gary advised that the Charter luncheon was cancelled due to not enough interest. The Ridge worked with us and moved the room deposit to the Christmas luncheon in December, so we didn't lose the money. Suggestion was made to make the Charter celebration a potluck. Kitty said she is not a potluck person. Suggestion to not have a separate event for Charter and combine with Christmas luncheon. Erik suggested we could have pictures and stories of founding members and club history at the luncheon, so members who didn't know the founders could learn about the charter. The funds paid by the club could be increased since we'd be combining two events.

Gary – Swap Meet: Signup sheets were given to Sandy Staples for volunteers for various jobs. Need set up workers for Saturday, vendor gate workers for Saturday night and Sunday morning, guest entry gate workers for Sunday, and tear down workers for Sunday afternoon. Sandy has volunteered to oversee the signups. Bill Finkbeiner will be doing the striping of the field Saturday and Christian will assist. Christian and his wife had a baby 2 weeks ago. That gives them an excuse to bring the baby down to visit the grandma's! Steve Straw will take care of security patrol Saturday night to Sunday when gates open. Gary called fairgrounds for update on nonprofit status. Will be discussed by the Fairgrounds at their April board meeting and then they will let Gary know.

John Saylor advised that the first cruise night will be May 8. Gary and Susie will be going so he can display his 1926 Model T Touring since it's 100 years old. Gary and Susie will take swap meet flyers to pass out. Jim Dempsey said maybe he'll take his 1926 Touring which isn't restored and display beside the Krezman car to display before and after preservation. Gary advised that everyone is welcome.

John Saylor advised there are car shows in several locations and read a list of them off. If anyone is planning on going to any of them, please take some swap meet flyers to pass out.

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Gary asked if we wanted to have a safety check some time before the Shakedown tour. No volunteers. When we tried to combine with the Shakedown last year, it wasn't done. This year's shakedown tour will be a long day, so we don't want to combine the two.

New Business: Union Pacific's Big Boy locomotive is coming through the end of this week and through the weekend. Will be going through Lincoln on Thursday, then to Roseville on display Friday and Saturday, then will travel to Colfax with a quick 15-minute stop, then onto Truckee and beyond. Gary and Susie saw it in Lincoln today, and it was very impressive! It was asked where a good place would be to go see it on its route. Any overpass in Auburn. The viewing areas will most likely be crowded. Someone said there would be a good view from the old Auburn Cemetery.

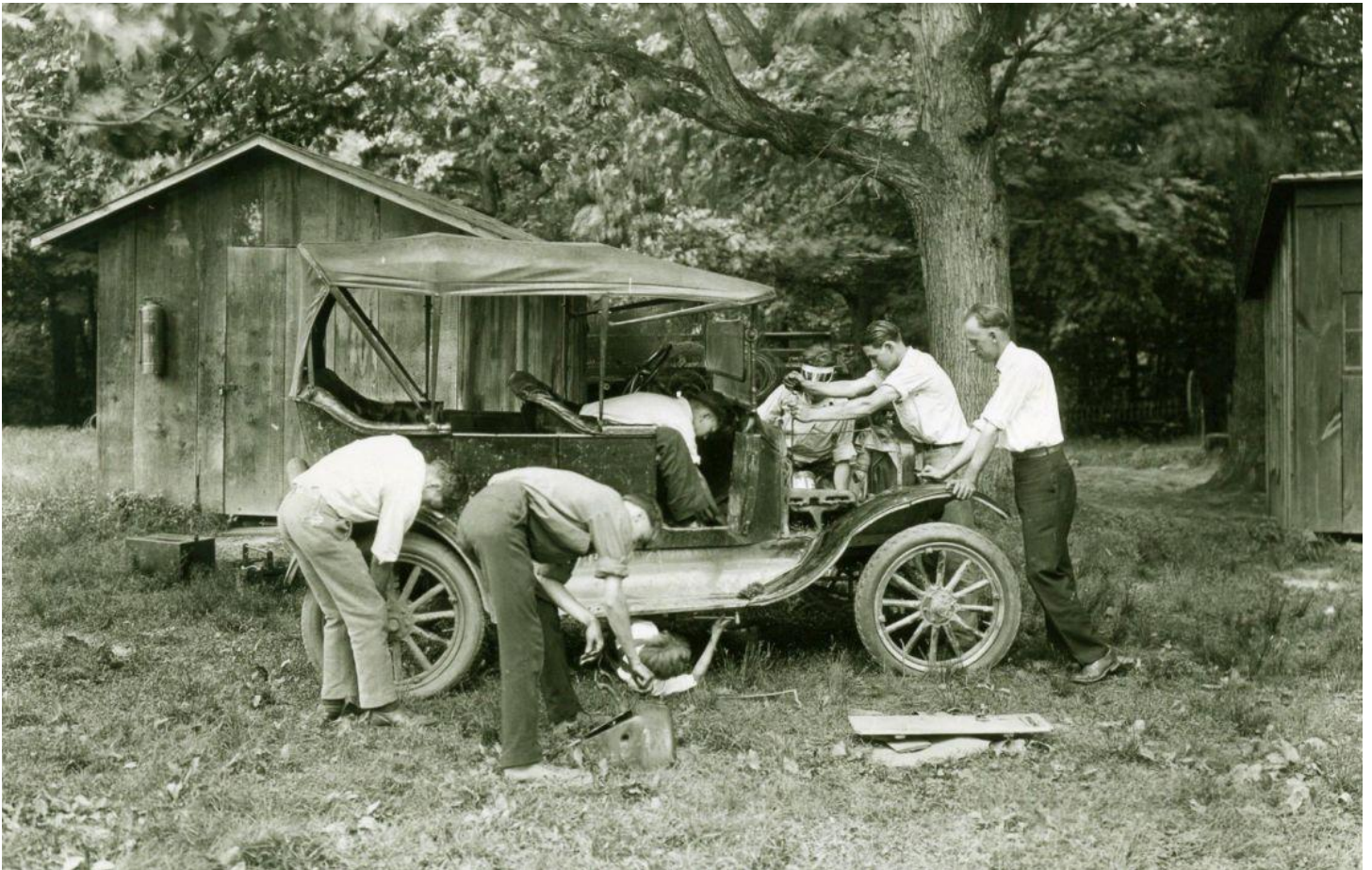
Show and Tell: none tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

By Gary Krezman

Notetaker: Kitty Goodell, Treasurer

Shade Tree Mechanics – Performing a Safety Check



Have you done a Safety Check on your Car?



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