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Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club
A Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America
Celebrating 57 Years of Model T Fun
https://www.motherlodemodelt.com

November 2026

Presidents Message

Happy November everyone,



Thanksgiving is just a couple of weeks away and it will be time to be with family and friends for this special holiday. I hope you all enjoy the holiday.

I'd like to thank Susie for stepping in for me at the last minute to chair the October Meeting. It was much appreciated.

Susie's Fall Tour to Foresthill was so much fun. It was great to be joined by our new members and their families to enjoy the ride, sights, beautiful weather and lunch overlooking the Foresthill Canyon. Thank you, Susie!!

Thankfully, we now have a club member who has volunteered to take on the vacant Board Member position for 2027/2028. We will take a vote at our General Meeting on November 12th to make it official. Much thanks to this person, as well as a few other members who said they would volunteer if we could not find anyone else. I truly appreciate those who were willing to step forward.

The location for our Christmas Luncheon has changed to the Sierra Grill Smokehouse in Auburn on Sunday, December 6th. See the article and flyer in this edition for more details.

Our next Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 10th, and our next General Meeting is on Thursday, November 12th. See the newsletter calendar for details.

Remember your Show and Tells.

Have a great month,
Paula

Up Coming Events – 2026

MTFCA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

2027

January 15-16 -MTFCA Annual Meeting, McPherson, Kansas.

Aug 3-7, Homecoming & 2027 National Tour in Richmond IN

See more info in The Vintage Ford Magazine.

MTFCA National Membership

Mother Lode club members should also consider becoming 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. National membership is required to attend MTFCA sponsored tours.

See the *back page* for MTCA contact info.

Local Club Events – 2026

♦ Nov 10 – Board Meeting. Mtn Mikes, Bell Rd, Auburn, Pizza @ 5:30, Meeting @ 6:30.

♦ Nov 11 – Veterans Day. On your own activities.

♦ Nov 12 – Monthly Meeting. Black Bear. Diner, Auburn. 5:30, Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.

♦ Dec 6 – Christmas Party at the Sierra Grill. Details and flyer this issue.

2027

June 6 – 52nd Annual Mother Lode Swap Meet. Gold Country Fairgrounds. Flyer

June 12-13 -56th Annual Endurance Run & Lowland Tour. Santa Clara Valley Model T Club

Have a Happy Thanksgiving



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Birthdays and Anniversaries



November Anniversaries

Edward & Sherry Rodriguez 21

November Birthdays

Sharon Stoll	1	Julie Barrett	18
Gary Krezman	4	Zach Boorinakis	20
Robert Weitzel	5	Thomas Stewart	24
Barbara O'Connor	9	Stephanie Furr	30
Randy Johnson	10		



Dues Are Due

The year is coming to an end soon. It is time to renew your club dues for 2027. Per our By-Laws, dues are due by December 31 each year and delinquent January 31. Please mail your check for $30, along with any changes to your phone, email or address, to Mother Lode Model T Club, PO Box 4901, Auburn, CA. 95604. If you are paying with cash at the meeting, please have the exact amount. Also indicate if you are a MTFCA member and your member number.



Please do not delay. Time is needed after the first of the year to compile the roster and send to Members.

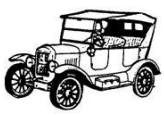
Road Trip

By Steve Straw

I went on a trip to Detroit a few weeks ago. While there I visited the Piquette Avenue Ford plant. I wanted to see if they were taking good care of the 1910 Model T touring car the club sponsors. They are and the club should continue sponsorship of it next year.
Steve Straw






MTFCA National Board of Directors for 2027-29

Don't forget to send in your MTFCA Ballot to elect new directors. A post card and candidate statements are in the latest, Sept-October issue of The Vintage Ford. Mark your ballot and mail by November 15.

Our Club Facebook Group.

For those that have a Facebook account, If you have not already, please check out our club Facebook Group. https://www.facebook.com/groups/1675233569405367/.
Check on the request membership and answer the three questions and you will be approved. It's open to anyone with an interest in Model T's. Presently very few of our members are using it. This is a very easy way to share pictures, stories, or ask questions about the club or Model Ts in general. Presently I am the only administrator. I am looking for an additional person to be an alternate administrator on the site. Let me know if you would be willing to be added as administrator. - John

Christmas Luncheon



As you all know, we had planned to have our Christmas Luncheon at The Ridge on December 6th. I received their menu and the price has increased once again which seemed out of reach for us. I took the issue to the Board on October 13th and we decided to try and find a different place for this event. I was lucky enough to secure a new location.

With that, this year our Christmas luncheon will be at Sierra Grill and Smokehouse in Auburn on Sunday, December 6th. Luckily Sierra Grill is back up and running after their fire and remodel and our original date of December 6th was available.

Since we received the go ahead from the attorney to spend the money in our CD for club activities, we are charging members half price ($25) per meal and the other half will be picked up by the club. There is a children's menu ($10) at the Sierra Grill so, for children 12 and under, if they utilize that menu, they will make their selection on the day of the luncheon and pay me that day (cash or with a check to MLMTC).

Please make your selections from the attached flyer and return the completed second page with your money to me, Paula Mikles, no later than Monday, November 30th. This is always such a wonderful time of year to spend with each other. I hope to see you there.

Paula

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Fall Tour to Forest Hill

On October 24, 2026, the Mother Lode Model T Club held its Annual Fall Tour. We departed from Raley's in Auburn and enjoyed a leisurely 17-mile drive up Foresthill Road, which had surprisingly light traffic for a Saturday. We had one Model A which was driven by Barb O'Connor of the Sacramento Valley Model T Club, and 5 Model T's. Those driving Model T's were: Gary and Susie Krezman, Kitty and Gordon Goodell, Allen Koch, Eric and Cindy Lindstedt and Chris Insteness. Driving a Dodge was Eric and Sandy Staples and Ron Polglase. Elaine and Paula drove in a modern car.

Once in Foresthill, we met up with Al Stoll, new members Josh Earney, and Ron, Kathleen, Harrison and Charlotte Herman.

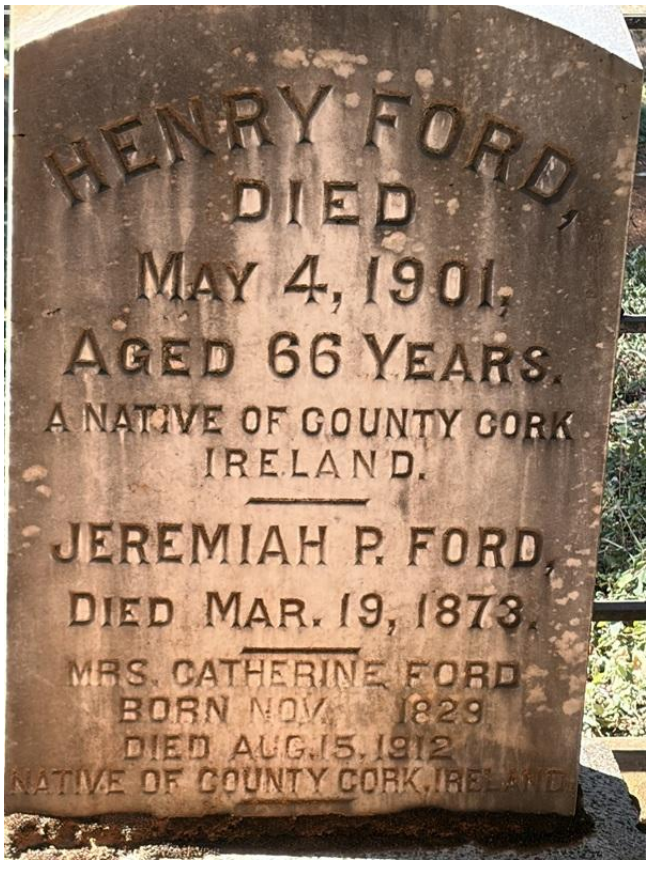
Continuing along Foresthill Road, we drove another 18 miles entering the Tahoe National Forest, to the Mumford Campground for a quick rest stop and a chance to catch up. From there, Ron Herman took over as our tour leader heading back toward Foresthill. At his suggestion, we stopped at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery located on Foresthill Road just outside of town. Henry Ford has family buried there, including the uncle he was named after. Ford actually visited his family in Foresthill in 1913 and 1919. you can read a great article about his visit at foresthillmessenger.com/. . Thank you, Ron, for sharing this local history with us.

We then headed to our lunch spot at Worton's Market, a longtime favorite located in the heart of Foresthill on the Divide. If you should find yourself in Foresthill, stop at Worton's, where they grind their own beef for their hamburgers, fry their own chicken, and have a great selection of sandwiches and sides. Our picnic tables overlooked the American River Canyon. This canyon was carved out by the North Fork of the American River. We also had a clear view of the burn scar left by the Mosquito Fire, which burned from September 6 to October 22, 2022.

Thank you to Elaine and Paula for serving up our dessert of chocolate cake and pumpkin cake which was provided by the club.

While we didn't see much fall color, we enjoyed million-dollar views, a great lunch, and wonderful company. We missed seeing John Saylor on the tour, but thank you to everyone who attended our final tour of 2026!

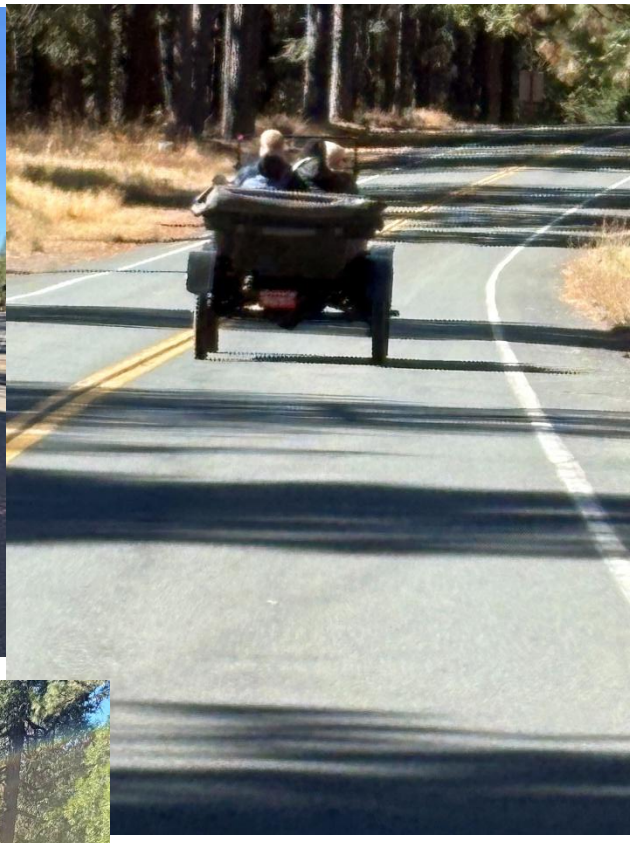
Susie Krezman
Tour Leader



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Fall Tour Photos









More Photos at

https://photos.app.goo.gl/mdcB8TJHqXKETh5C6

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Model Ts for Sale
Proceeds to Chairity



David Pava donated his 1926 Model TT Ford for restoration and sale to the designated charity "Camp Ross Relles" for deaf children. The project has been completed and is now up for sale. The Sacramento Valley Model T Club members took on the project with financial restoration provided by the MD4- C5 Country Club Lions Club. Attached is a photo of the Ford Model TT.



Steve Rowe donated his 1927 Model T Ford Pickup for restoration and sale to the designated charity "Lions Education Foundation". The project has been completed and is now up for sale. The Sacramento Valley Model T Club members took on the project with financial restoration provided by the MD4- C5 Country Club Lions Club.



For more information contact Harvey Bandy, Sacramento Valley Model T Club. 916-342-6666
The 27 Pickup can be seen at the California Auto Museum in the car sales area.

Second best Model T rebuild voted by HWB and Associates

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Meeting Minutes – October

Mother Lode Model T Club
General Meeting Minutes
Oct 15, 2026
Black Bear Diner, Auburn, CA

General meeting of the Mother Lode Model T club was called to order by vice president Susie Krezman at 6:28 PM.
New members were welcomed as well as returning members Bob and Lori Weitzel. The secretary's report was approved and minutes were kept as published. The treasurer reported that the finances of the club were in good standing.
A sign up sheet for the Forest Hill tour was passed around.
John Saylor suggested more venues for tours in the Amador area would be good to expand our tour area. He also shared his story about his health issues and the reason for his resignation from the board.

Members shared stories of club events long ago. Erik shared pictures of his current projects and pictures of his late father in his model T truck. A report was made about the Concourse d' Elegance at Ironstone vineyards in Murphys.

There is an event on October 17 at the airport "fly Into Auburn".
It was proposed to cooperate with local model T and A clubs to increase participation in tours.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08.

Respectfully submitted,
Erik Barrett
Secretary MLMTC



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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___

Spouse_____B'day Mo____Day___

Anniversary Mo. ____ Day _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

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Yr. & Body Style of your T _____

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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
Telephone: (765) 373-3106.
See www.mtfca.com

COME JOIN US FOR THE
Mother Lode Model T Club Christmas Luncheon 2026

NEW LOCATION!!!

Date: SUNDAY - DECEMBER 6, 2026
Location: Sierra Grill Smokehouse
2515 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn, CA 95603
(between Quick Quack Car Wash and Les Schwaab)
Time: No host SOCIAL HOUR 11:30AM, LUNCH 12:00PM

MENU:

1. Grilled Salmon with Baked Potato & Side Salad
2. Tri-Tip with Mushroom Sauce, Baked Potato & Side Salad
3. BBQ Chicken with Baked Potato & Side Salad
4. Sierra Salad (Mixed Greens, Tomatoes, Olives, Black Beans, Corn, Red Onion, Tortilla Strips, topped with Avocado, Chicken Strips & Dressing)
5. Child's Menu available (12 yrs and under) to be ordered at the luncheon for $10.00 each. Payable at time of meal. Advise Paula Mikles if you're using this option.

Bread/Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water and Dessert included for all meals

Please return next page with meal choice and check made payable to: Mother Lode Model T Club, or MLMTC. All reservations and payments MUST be received by Monday, November 30th.

Mail to: Paula Mikles
PO Box 125, Auburn, CA 95604
Any questions, please contact Paula at 916-215-2200 or pjmikles@gmail.com

Please see next page to make your reservation(s)

Return this page with luncheon selection's and number attending no later than Monday, November 30th.

Mail to: Paula Mikles
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NAME_____ Number Attending_____

Please indicate your selection(s) below:

Salmon_____$25.00 Member_____$50.00 Guest

Tri-Tip_____$25.00 Member_____$50.00 Guest

BBQ Chicken_____$25.00 Member_____$50.00 Guest

Sierra Salad_____$25.00 Member_____$50.00 Guest

Child's Menu for 12 yrs and under $10.00 per child paid at restaurant, check with Paula Mikles.