

# T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Mother Lode Model T Club

<http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

**December 2013**

## Activities at a Glance

- ♦ **\*\* Remember: There is not a monthly meeting in December.**
- ♦ **December 10 - LOL. Thompson's Gold Rush Emporium and Tea Room for High Tea. In the Gold Rush Mall, 884 Lincoln Way, Downtown Auburn, (Located in the street floor of the Mall, straight ahead to the back room). Julie Barrett 530 863-7571**
- ♦ **December 14, 3 pm - Christmas Party - Auburn Valley Country Club.**
- ♦ **January 9 - Thursday, Monthly Meeting. Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at 5:30 - 6 pm. Meeting will start at 7 pm.**
- ♦ **January - President's Pizza Feed.**
- ♦ **January 25-26 - Turlock Swap Meet- [Details](#)**
- ♦ **February 1, Annual Crab Feed. See details this issue.**



### Christmas Party - December 14

Eula has planned another great event for us at the Auburn Valley Country Club. Festivities start with a social time at 3 pm and dinner at 4 pm. The reservation deadline has passed. Please call Eula to see if there are any last minute cancellations. 530-885-5754.

## Annual Crab Feed

Check the flyer on the back page to reserve your place for our annual crab feed. The date is Saturday, February 1, 2014. The big event will again be held at the Canyon View Community Center, Sierra room, 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn.



## New Members



We welcome new members Allen and Maryann Koch. The Koch's were on the Fall Colors Tour driving a 1927 Bugatti Replica. They joined at the November meeting and have been bitten by the

incurable Model T Bug! Allen has just purchased a 1924 Model T Speedster. Way to go!

## Another T on the Road

Member Steve Elliott has been working all Summer and Fall to get his 1925 TT on the road. It is finally done and is a very beautiful TT. Steve is also



working with Ben Hardeman of *Texas T Parts* on a disc brake prototype for the TT.

## Monthly Look at Ford Trademarks and Logos Through the Years

2012 - Present



**Go Further**

Ford has a new brand promise to live by. In 2012 the auto maker adopted the global slogan of "Go Further".

## Sunshine

**Cleona Duncan is now recovering at home and is open to visitors.**

**Sad news** - Former member Larry Dansereau has passed away. He had been battling ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. Larry toured with us in several different model T's and had moved on to model A's a few years back.

## Dues are Due

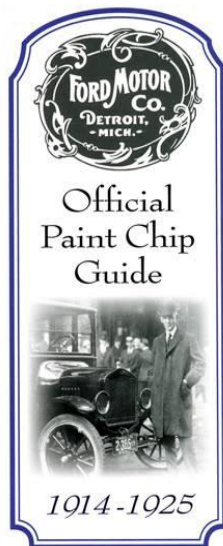
*Kitty has mailed out the 2014 dues invoices. You don't want to miss an issue of the T Diggins' or be left out of the roster. So, if you haven't sent them in yet, 12-31 is the deadline.*

## Vintage Clothing

Member Steve Elliott shared a source of vintage clothing, reasonably priced.

<http://www.gentlemansemporium.com/gentlemans.php>

## The Many Shades of Black



Ford Motor Company, Model T Ford Color Selector 1914 - 1925		1920	1921
1914	1915		
		Pitch Black	Black Hole
1916	1917	1922	1923
Midnight Black	Charcoal Black		
		Black	Really, Really Black
1918	1919	1924	1925
Black Cave	Coal Black		
		Henry's Favorite	Ash Black
1920	1921	"Any customer can have a car painted any color that he wants so long as it is black."	
Black Beauty	Tar Black		

## Club Logo Items

Travel mugs with club logo are available to purchase for \$10.00 each. These are really nice, stainless steel with lid. Call Steve Short to get yours. 916-791-7087.

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## Club Shirts

We also still have a supply of shirts with the club logo. Blue Tee Shirts with the logo on the back and club name on the front. \$10. ea. Sizes M, L & XL & 2XL. Polo shirts with the club name on the front above a pocket. \$22. Sizes M, XL. Call John Saylor 916-723-1613 to reserve yours.



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Embroidered logo patches both large and small are also available. These can be sewn onto jackets or other items of your choosing. Contact Kitty for these items.



## Disc brakes for your TT

*Steve with the prototype disc brake for his TT*



## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### December Anniversaries

Richard & Julie Instness	2
Gary & Susie Krezman	4
Allen & Patricia Gillming	8
Stephen & Virginia Short	31

### December Birthdays

Jack Duncan	1	Kimberlyn Saylor	17
Jeff Nowack	2	Harold Ellingson	21
Leona Boorinakis	7	Murray Work	21
Wanda Johnson	8	Maryann Koch	23
Bill Finkbeiner	9	Courtney Barrett	24
Virginia Short	13	Dani Anders	26
Wayne Lyndon	15	Chris Instness	27
Rich Silva	16	Junette Avey	31



## Meeting Minutes - General Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club  
General Meeting Minutes,  
November 14, 2013

The November, 2013, general membership meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm by President Gary Krezman. The meeting was held at newly remodeled Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, Ca.

**Greeter Report** - Junette introduced guests Allen & Maryann Koch. They are interested in becoming members.

**Secretary Report** – John reported the minutes of the last general meeting (Sept 2013) were printed in *T Diggins*!. No corrections were noted. Correspondence from other clubs and other miscellaneous was passed around.

**Treasurer Report** – Kitty gave the report for the last two months. All is well with the treasury. We had income from one new member dues and expenses for the old swap meet trailer registration, October board meeting, Newsletter expenses for three months, dues renewal forms and stamps and bank fees.

### Activities

#### VP report-Upcoming events -

The next event is the annual Christmas party, December 14 at the Auburn Valley Country Club. Vern noted the reservation forms were in the news letter and had extras for those that needed them.

**LOL's** for November will be at Mel's on Nov 19, RSVP to Mary Lynn Barrett.

**November** - There is nothing else scheduled for November or December. Everyone is reminded to start thinking about tours and events for next year.

**Sunshine** - One card was sent to Julie Instness. She responded with a thank you for thinking of her.

### Old Business

**October Tour Report** - Erik Lindstedt reported the annual Fall Colors Tour was a huge success and had a good turnout. The only incident was John Saylor's blow out and subsequent leaking spare. Erik's spare blew about the same time while it was still on the rack!

**2014 Board Nominees** - Gary reported the following have been nominated to serve on the board for 2014-15:



Steve Short, Junette Avey Brown, Gordon Goodell and Louis Burcher. There were no additional nominations. The slate was accepted.

### **New Business**

Junette reported her car trailer was stolen right out of her driveway. The lock was cut off during the night..We had a short discussion on trailer locks Arnie Ward noted that all it takes is a cordless grinder and thieves can cut off most any kind of lock. Best way might be to take off a couple of wheels and store somewhere away from the trailer.

**Crab Report** - Our annual crab feed is coming up soon. Gordon reported that crabbing has been slow. While in Oregon he and Kitty only caught 5 legal crabs in 2 weeks. Erick Barrett reported that out of Bodega Bay they didn't find any Dungeness crabs.

Larry Dansereau update - Erik reported that the ALS is really taking a toll on Larry. He is now in hospice care.

**Estate yard sale** - Vern Marriott reported the huge yard sale of car parts and household item of his Uncle Clinton will be held Thursday November 21. Location access is behind the Parkside Nazarine church. Thursday will be open to car club persons only and to the public Friday and Saturday.

**50-50 raffle** was won by Ralph Roper and Erik Barrett.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 8 pm. Immediately following the meeting was our parts auction. Auctioneer Bobby Weitzel got the bidding going and cleared the table in short order.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Saylor, Secretary

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### **Fourth of a short series on "*The Prodigal Ford*" or "*Lizzy, Come Home*"**

**by Roger Barrett.**

By 1963, I had married, bought a house in North Hollywood and soon had the pickup running. The engine in the truck was not usable without re-boring, so I replaced it with one that was a runner. I just adjusted the bearings, hand lapped the valves and put it in the truck. I was soon using it to commute the 12 miles to work. It is generally assumed that the San Fernando valley is flat. If you drive a worn out T from East to West you will find out that it isn't so. The thing will begin to labor as you approach Fulton Ave. I used to complain about having to climb the Fulton grade to get to work

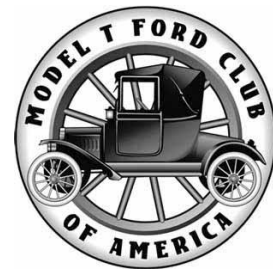
Between 1963 and 1968, we had many good times with the truck. I continued to drive it to work and participate in club tours and other functions. Mary Lynn and I along with our friends Fred and Sara made several two and three day trips to various places in Southern California. We had no other car or backup of any kind, just tools and spare parts. I recall that on one occasion we went to the trolley museum in Perris, about 100 miles from home. I had forgotten to bring a file so, when a rod needed adjusting, I rubbed the rod cap on a hollow stone block to grind it down enough to fit.

During these years, my friend Fred and I had a well equipped shop where we worked on antique cars. We were among the first to use high detergent oil in Model Ts. The heavy oil people were incensed. Scathing articles appeared in the magazines. It was said that the detergent would foam and dry up the clutch, it would destroy the magneto and not provide enough cushion for the rods. Engines would be ruined! All of this has proved to be nonsense. Multi-grade oils are ideal for Model Ts.

**To be Continued....**



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## 2013 Officers

President ----- Gary Krezman 530-823-7957  
Vice President ----- Susie Krezman 530-823-7957  
Treasurer ----- Kitty Goodell 916-334-5904  
Secretary ----- John Saylor 916-723-1613

## Board Members

Gordon Goodell ----- 916-334-5904 - 2012-2013  
Joyce Weitzel ----- 916-725-0783 - 2012-2013  
Richard Weitzel ----- 916-725-0783 - 2012-2013  
Lewis Burcher ----- 530-885-6912 - 2012-2013

Sunshine ---- Susie Krezman  
Website & Newsletter - John Saylor  
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## T-Diggins'

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## Club Website

The Mother Lode Model T Club maintains a website at <http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>. The website keeps members informed of club activities, photos of club events and members cars. The website also provides a membership information and application. The website also introduces those new to the hobby to the club.

The *Mother Lode Model T Club* was organized during 1967 and became a member of the *Model T Ford Club of America* in 1969. The club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the personal enjoyment of its members through the preservation and restoration of the Model T Ford and especially through activities involving the use of Model T Fords.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month with the exception of December, at the Sizzler, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn, Ca. 5:30 pm for dinner, 7 pm meeting.

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Model T Fords. Ownership of a Model T is not necessary.

Dues - Annual Dues are \$20 per family.

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 is \$40.00 payable to:

The Model T Ford Club of America  
P.O. Box 126  
Centerville, In 47330-0126  
Telephone: (765) 855-5248  
[www.mtcfa.com](http://www.mtcfa.com) email: [admin@mtfca.com](mailto:admin@mtfca.com)





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

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 1, 2014  
SOCIAL HOUR 5 PM & DINNER 6 PM  
@ CANYON VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER, SIERRA ROOM  
471 MAIDU DRIVE, AUBURN, CA 95603

COST: **Members:** \$5 each. **Guests:** \$25 per person. Make checks out to Mother Lode Model T Club & send them to Gordon Goodell. Checks must be received no later than January 24, 2014, and no refunds after that date.

Gordon & Kitty Goodell  
6760 Maywood Way - Sacramento, CA 95842  
916-334-5904 ([gkgood@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gkgood@sbcglobal.net))

Pasta, salad, bread, water, coffee, and ice cream will be provided.

**PLEASE NOTE:** bring your own choice of drink if you want anything other than water or coffee. The club will not be providing soft drinks or wine. Alcoholic beverages are allowed in the facility.

**IMPORTANT!!** Don't forget to write below or phone Gordon & Kitty 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.

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NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL IN YOUR GROUP ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED FOR MEMBERS & GUESTS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What will you bring (appetizers, dessert, etc.)? How will you help (set-up, decorate, serve, cleanup, etc.)?