



T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club

<http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

May 2013

Activities at a Glance

- ♦ **May 9 - Thursday, Monthly Meeting.**
Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at 5:30 - 6pm. Meeting will start at 7 pm.
- ♦ **May 15, Wednesday, LOL -11:30 AM.**
Northridge Restaurant Hwy 49 and Combie Rd, Auburn. RSVP Toni Moore 530-823-5233.
- ♦ **May 18 - Tour to Heidrick Ag History Truck & Tractor Museum- Woodland. Meet 8:30 am, leave at 9 am, John Saylor**
- ♦ **June 9, 2013 - 37th Annual Mother Lode Model T Club Swap Meet .**
- ♦ **July 4 - Independence Day Parade-Auburn**
- ♦ **Aug 3 - Ice Cream Social - Toni & Jerry Moore.**
- ♦ **Aug 20 - Bus trip to National Auto museum, Reno - RSVP Larry Taylor, 916-955-6408.**



May Tour to Woodland

We will be touring to the Heidrick Ag and Truck History Museum in Woodland. Meet at Raley's at 8:30 am, leaving by 9 am. Rest stop at McBean Park in Lincoln. We will have a docent to lead us through this interesting museum of antique tractors, farm equipment and trucks. Lunch at Ludy's after the tour. Sign up at the next meeting or call John at 916-723-1613.



GIL MACHADO 5TH ANNUAL SHAKEDOWN TOUR TO MARYSVILLE

On April 6th the Mother Lode Model T group met at Raley's. As Kitty and Gordon were leaving to meet up with us at Raley's, they had trouble with their car and had to leave it at home. In the parking lot Gary had trouble with our car and we had to take it to the ranch and catch a ride with my mom in a very warm and comfortable Chrysler. On our way down Bell Road, Lewie started to have problems and had to drop out and call a tow truck. Now I can finally get the trouble trophy out of our spare



bedroom and into Lewie's care. We regrouped at Joeger and Bell Road and then it started to lightly rain. Lucky for us it was only a small storm and we were

okay with no other problems all the way to Lincoln. There we met up with the Sacramento Valley Model T Club. They had twelve people in their group. The roads to Marysville were kind and we had a great ride over.



Milt Webb headed from Sacramento and drove on his own to Marysville. In Marysville we arrived at the Mary Aaron

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museum and were greeted by Lily and Joy, our two docents. They took us thru and house and told us about the history of Marysville. Then it was on to the Brick for lunch. We had a total of thirty six people for lunch. Our host was Don and he did a great job getting food out. We had the patio area to ourselves and were able to visit. Some of us shopped at a few of the local antique stores. We headed out of Marysville and back home. A few of us took a wrong exit, but we were able to meet up in Lincoln. Erik and Cindy had a dead battery just west of Lincoln, but we were able to get a new battery and have them on their way.

Russ and Nita Purvis dressed up in their Sunday finest for the tour and were a hit. It's fun to see the period clothing along with the cars.

Junette and I would like to thank everyone who came and enjoyed the day with us. My dad would be proud.

Susie Krezman



Jars and Baskets

Joyce Weitzel needs small canning jars and baskets. Many of us have been recipients of the jams, jellies and gift baskets she makes up. So, call Joyce at 916-725-0783 if you can help.



Honor Our Veterans - Memorial Day, May 27

LOL's - May

When: Wednesday, May 15

Where: Northridge Restaurant (formerly The Red Wagon Restaurant) Hwy 49 and Combie Rd, Auburn.

(Turn right onto Combie Rd -pass the Service Station on the corner, travel a short distance -Restaurant is on the right side of Combie Rd)

Time: 11:30 am

Host: Toni Moore

Contact: 530-823-5233

It's Swap Meet Time

Our annual swap meet will be here before you know it. Set up will be Saturday June 8. We will be setting up the Food concession stand, marking the field, and other general set up items. Vendors will be let in to start their set up about 4 pm. Gates will open Sunday June 9 at 5 am. We need help on Saturday as well as Sunday. Volunteer to help set up on Saturday, call John Saylor, 916-723-1613. Volunteer to work in the food booth - call Joyce Weitzel. Volunteer to work the gate, park vendors or clean up. Call Gary Krezman 520-823-7957.

We will also have our annual Tri-Tip BBQ and potluck Saturday, June 8, 5 pm in the concession area. Bring your own table service and drinks and one dish to share. The club will provide the Tri-tip.

The May meeting is the last regular meeting before this big event. So, sign up, we need your help. This is our only fund raiser.

Save the Date Bus Trip to Reno

Tuesday, August 20.

Larry Taylor is putting together our bus trip to Reno and the National Auto Museum. This is a mid-week trip to get the best price. Larry is

arranging for pick up in Sacramento and Auburn. The bus holds 40 people, so get your name on the list. You don't want to be number 41! Sign up at the meeting or call Larry at 916-955-6408.



Monthly look at Ford Trademarks and Logos

1909



Identifying symbol of Ford, the winged triangle in orange, appeared in the Ford Times, newspaper and magazine advertising starting in 1909.

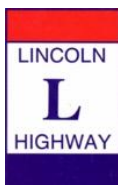
Lincoln Highway Centennial

The Lincoln Highway Association will celebrate the first road across America June 21 through June 30 with a tour along the original alignments of this famous highway. One group will leave Times Square, New York City, traveling West. Another group will leave San Francisco, traveling East. The two groups will meet up in Kearney, Nebraska. The San Francisco group will be stopping at the California Auto Museum, Sunday, June 23 and spend the night in Sacramento at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza.

Monday, June 24 they will have a **morning stop at the Auburn City Hall**, Lunch at Donner Ski Ranch and spend the night at Fallon, Nevada. So put the date on your Calendar and come to downtown Sacramento or Auburn to see them come through. More information about the celebration online at:

<http://www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/tour/2013/>

Ed & Karen Archer from Santa Clara will be driving this Locomobile on the first leg to Sacramento.



Our new 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



Club Shirts

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

Happenings at the CAM

Sunday, May 26

Vettes for Vets

All Corvette Car Show
Spectators are **FREE**
FREE Museum admission for
Veterans with proper I.D.

Food / Music / Raffle

Vettes for Vets is an annual, all Corvette car show organized by the California Automobile Museum to honor U.S. Veterans and their dedication to our country.



The general public can enjoy a **FREE** Corvette car show in the parking lot behind the Museum and **FREE** Museum admission for all veterans.

A new exhibit starts May 25

Elegance in Motion: Cars of the Golden Age



California Automobile Museum
2200 Front Street, 95818
Sacramento, CA | Calautomuseum.org
(916) 442-6802 | Facebook.com/calautomuseum

Birthdays and Anniversaries



May Birthdays

Lewie Burcher	1	Pat Bashore	14
Milt Webb	1	Alberta Baughman	16
Ginger Barrett	2	Cleona Duncan	18
Kendall Porco	3	Frances Smith	16
Levi Marriott	5	Bob McCoy	20
Les Silveira	8	Ben Lindstedt	31

May Anniversaries

Martin & Julie Smith	1
Rich & Alberta Baughman	9
Mike & Ginger Barrett	12
Arnold & Barbara Ward	18



Meeting Minutes -

General Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club
General Meeting Minutes,
April 11, 2013

The April 2013 general membership meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Gary Krezman. The meeting was held at The Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, Ca. Attendance was good.

Greeter Report - Junette reported guests Ricky Weitzel, son of Richard & Joyce, and Sonya Vargas from Cal Star.

Guest Speaker - Our guest speaker tonight was Sonja Vargas representing Cal Star Air Ambulance, a private non-profit company. Sonja explained the services offered by Cal Star and the group membership program. The cost to transport on injured person by helicopter today runs \$25,000. Through the group program the cost is covered by the annual \$35.00 fee. To start a group we would need 15 members to sign up. Russ Purvis will be the point person to establish the group if there is enough interest.

Secretary Report - John reported the minutes of the last general meeting (March 2012) were printed in *T Diggins'*. There were no additions or corrections. We received correspondence from other area clubs and notices of events. These were passed around for all to review.

Treasurer Report - Kitty presented the financial report. We had the expenses for Charter Dinner cake, Charter Dinner, Sunshine supplies, Touring Guide, March Guest Speaker dinner, Newsletter,

Roster printing, ACCC convention fee, State filing fee and bank fee. We had income from dues and auction.

Activities Report –

Shake Down - Our VP, Susie Krezman, reported the shake down tour was a lot of fun and very successful. We were joined by 6 cars from Sacramento Valley Club. Several cars had trouble, more than all of last year, most were parked before ever leaving home. Lewie's Ruckstell shifter left him stranded not far from the start so he called a tow truck. Gary presented Lewie with the Hard luck trophy. This trophy is a traveling trophy, so until some else can't get home under their own power, Lewie gets to display this work of shop art on his mantle.

Upcoming events -

May 10 - Kicks off the Auburn Cruise Night.

May 18 is our tour to Woodland and the Heidrick Ag and Truck museum, John Saylor gave the details.

June 9 is our swap meet, job sign ups were passed around. Saturday, June 8 is setup day and a BBQ at 5 pm at the fairgrounds.

Bus trip - Larry Taylor reported on the Reno bus trip to the National Auto Museum. The date will be August 20. The bus will hold 40 people. He has arranged pickups in Sacramento as well as Auburn.

July 16 - The State Fair is welcoming car clubs to display their cars for the day. Each participant and passengers will get free entry to the fair.

National Tour for 2014 will be in San Diego.

LOLs - Wednesday, April 17, 11:30 am, at Strings. Mary Lynn Barrett in charge

Sunshine - Nothing this month

Old Business -

The ACCC convention - John Saylor and Gary Krezman gave reports on the convention.

Swap Meet - Gary went over a few details on the swap meet. A special board meeting will be held Monday, May 6, at 6 pm, Round Table, Loomis, to nail everything down. Flyers were made available.

Heritage event at Mt Vernon Memorial Park, Fair Oaks - Steve Short reported on the event that he and John Saylor attended. There were exhibits from the Revolutionary war era, Vintage Cars, a Historical Railway group from Folsom, wagons, RC Airplanes and more. We were all treated to pizza for lunch.

Cup Sales - Steve gave a pitch on the club logo coffee mugs. Contact Steve to get yours.

Incorporation - Gary reported that at the ACCC convention it was suggested that all clubs become incorporated. There have been issues where a club was sued, including the officers and members. Incorporation would give protection to officers and members. The board will investigate the issue to see if we would be affected.

New Business -

Board Meeting May 6, Round Table Pizza, Loomis. 6pm.

Show & Tell/Sell - No show and tell or auction item this month

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Saylor, Secretary

Ninth in the series I am re-running of stories written by Ron Brown Sr. about his experiences "in the old days'-especially regarding the Model T, since T's were current then".



"T DAYS....REMINISCING"

by Ron Brown

Car No. 4 - Lowell's Roadster

by Ron Brown

I don't recall how Lowell acquired his 1922 Model T roadster (I think an early 1922) and he isn't sure either - although he thinks he dealt with the Colonel again. We were never able to get it licensed and didn't get to drive it much except the few times we sneaked it out on the sly. When acquired, it was short the windshield and the one we added had a half moon section of glass broken out of the right side of the lower half. We made do by adding a piece of sheet metal to cover the hole and shut out the wind. Anyone in the passenger seat had to look over or around the patch (but never through).

One day Lowell and two of his closest classmates slipped it out by removing a section of fence and going out the back alley. They thought they were pretty clever by not being seen by the neighbor Joe who would have squealed on them. Unfortunately, the trip had some complications. They drove for several miles around the countryside and when they decided to return Lowell made a rather sharp turn into a side road. The front tire slid off the rim. The tube "ballooned" out but didn't burst. They merely let out the air, put the tube and tire back in place and exercised the tire pump. When Lowell cranked the car it started fine but quickly died. On the second try he didn't bother reaching under the hood and pushing the timer the last half inch it took to retard the spark adequately. (Too much play in the linkage.) You guessed it; when he cranked it again, the engine backfired and broke his arm. Their escapade was thus exposed.

This was one of only two injury accidents we ever had. The other was also a broken arm. One of our closest neighbor companions got his arm between *pushmobile* no. 2 and a tree.

It was in Lowell's roadster we had what was probably our most fun day ever. It had been a very wet spring and had rained at least a little every day for a month. The whole countryside, including many roads, was more like a swamp than farmland. We patched up and put on four of Dad's discarded tire chains - one on each wheel. We slipped out again and drove all over the countryside, deliberately seeking the worst mud roads and trying to get stuck. We drove in the worst looking spots - in ditch and out and from one side to the other. Often the ruts in the road were worse than the ditches but we never got stuck. **Real Fun!!!!**

How I regret that this is the only one of all of our cars we still have a picture.

Where are your stories?

As I reported last month, Soon I will run out of Ron's stories. I am sure you all have a story or two about how you got your first car, Model T, or other interesting story. Haven't received any thing yet So, who will be the first, second or third or.... to send me their story. You can send it by email, US mail, or hand it to me at a meeting.

One of Ron Brown's Blue Bird
Houses and a recent resident
in my backyard





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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 \$35.00 payable to:

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