



# T Diggins'



Monthly Newsletter of the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club

<http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

**March 2016 – Happy St. Patrick's Day! Happy Easter!**

## Presidents Ramblings

I want to thank Gordon & Kitty for another fabulous crab feed. We had good attendance and good crab and fixings. Thanks to all who brought appetizers and desserts and to those who helped set up and clean up. The next event is the Charter Celebration at Auburn Valley Golf Club. Don't forget to get your reservation into Susie for this year's brunch. The touring season is looking good. Now is the time to get those T's checked out and tuned up for the Shake Down on April 2. If you are not sure what needs attention drive on over to Lewie Burcher's for the safety check event on March 19. Phil Gardner has invited us to a tour of the Sutter Buttes on April 24. This will be a once in a life time to tour the Buttes all on private property. There is much more in store, so check out the calendar in this issue and the web site for the rest of the year.



*John Saylor*

## Activities – Our current schedule of upcoming events

Mar 7 - Board meeting. Round Table, Elm Center, Auburn. 6 pm

Mar 10 - Thursday, Monthly Meeting. Sizzler, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at 5:30-6 pm. Meeting will start at 7 pm.

Mar 12 - Charter Celebration Brunch, Auburn Valley Country Club

Mar 15 - LOLs, 10:00 am, Wing's Restaurant, 13595 New Airport Rd, Auburn. Pat Bashore 530-878-1414

Mar 19 - Safety Inspection, 9am 1370 Wesley Lane, Auburn

April 2 - Gil Machado Annual Memorial Shakedown Tour, Sanders Aircraft Restorations, Ione. Leave Raley's in Auburn at 8 am

April 15-16 - Bakersfield HCCA Swap Meet

April 24 - Sutter Buttes Tour

April 24 - NOCAL HCCA Swap meet, ARC

April 27-28 - ACCC Convention, at the CAM

May 21-22 - Pava's Antique Car Tour, Model T and HCCA - Cameron Park

June 5 - Mother Lode Swap Meet, Auburn

July 4 - Dutch Flat Independence Day Parade

July 23 - Annual Breakfast Tour

August - Ice Cream Social

Sept 10 - Tour hosted by Les & Sandy Silveria

Sept 11 - Antique Autos in History Park, San Jose

Oct - Fall Colors Tour

Dec 11 - Christmas Banquet

**More to come - Watch for updates posted on our website**



**American Heritage Day pics – February 15th**



**Scenes from our awesome February 20<sup>th</sup> Crab Feed!**



*Wonderful job Kitty and Gordon! We sincerely appreciate all that you do!*

**And coming up soon...**

**Charter Celebration Brunch, Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Our 47<sup>th</sup> annual charter celebration is coming up soon. It's amazing to think that our humble Model T club has been around for nearly five decades and the fun continues on! Hopefully, you have signed up in time as our reservation deadline has expired. This year's event starts with a social hour at 9:00 am and brunch at 10:00 at the Auburn valley Country Club.

**LOL Gathering for March**

This months' LOL (Ladies out to Lunch) is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15th at Wing's Restaurant, 13595 New Airport Rd., Auburn by the Auburn Airport off Bell Road at 10:00AM -Please note change in time. Pat Bashore is hosting the event and can be reached at 530-878-1414.

## Mother Lode Model T Safety Inspection, Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

We hope to see you (and your car) at this year's Model T Safety Inspection. Lewie and Naomi Burcher are graciously hosting this important event and a great opportunity to ensure your car is in tip-top shape for the upcoming touring season. Lewie says all are welcome and doors will be open at 9:00 am. Address is 1370 Wesley Lane in Auburn. Come on by and get your car checked out by some of the club's resident "experts", listen to Model T lore (and a few lies), and hang out with a great group of friends and family. For those so inclined, Wesley Lane is a great road to learn how to drive a Model T too! It just takes a little coaching and a little more practice to get the understanding and enjoyment of the Model T driving experience.



## Gil Machado Annual Memorial Shakedown Tour, Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Our accomplished tour leader (and Gil's daughter), Susie Krezman and our tour leader's assistant and club donut connoisseur, Gary Krezman (and Susie's husband and Gil's son-in-law) will be leading us on our first official tour of the 2016 season. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March 10<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting for this awesome event to Sanders Aviation in Ione for a special tour of their vintage airplane restoration activities followed by lunch and leisurely drive home. The plan is to meet up with members of the Sacramento T Club in Eldorado Hills on the way. For more information and reservations, please contact Susie or Gary at 530-823-7957



## Weather Update

*An interesting read – please read to the end.*

*The Arctic Ocean is warming up, icebergs are growing scarcer and in some places the seals are finding the water too hot, according to a report to the Commerce Department yesterday from Consulate, at Bergen, Norway. Reports from fishermen, seal hunters and explorers all point to a radical change in climate conditions and hitherto unheard of temperatures in the Arctic zone. Exploration expeditions report that scarcely any ice has been met as far north as 81 degrees 29 minutes. Soundings to a depth of 3,100 meters showed the gulf stream still very warm. Great masses of ice have been replaced by moraines of earth and stones, the report continued while at many points well known glaciers have entirely disappeared. Very few seals and no white fish are found in the eastern Arctic, while vast shoals of herring and smelts which have never before ventured so far north, are being encountered in the old seal fishing grounds. Within a few years it is predictable that due to the ice melt the sea will rise and make most coastal cities uninhabitable. This must have been caused by the Model T Ford's emissions. I must apologize. I neglected to mention that this report was from November 2, 1922, as reported by the AP and published in The Washington Post – 93 years ago.*

Submitted by Pat Bashore



## Model T Fifth-wheel Trailer

The concept of the “fifth-wheel” doesn’t just apply to modern semi-trucks or classy new travel trailers. The idea can be traced back to a “*similar coupling used on four-wheel horse-drawn carriages and wagons. The device allowed the front axle assembly to pivot in the horizontal plane, to facilitate turning. Basically a wheel was placed on the rear frame section of the truck, which back then only had four wheels; this wheel that was placed on the frame was the "fifth wheel", hence the name.*

*The trailer needed to be raised so that the trailer's pin would be able to drop into the central hole of the fifth wheel... The invention of the fifth wheel for motorized trucks is often credited to US inventor Charles H. Martin of the Martin Rocking Fifth Wheel Co. who refined and patented the device in 1915”.*

Source: Wikipedia. Many thanks to Junette Avey for sharing this rare photo (EL)

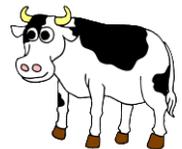


## What’s in a name? A car’s name, that is...

### Roger’s Ts’ names (and a trailer too!)



*My current ride is called TICKUP shortened for Model T pickup to fit a license plate. When I was in High School, I had a 1924 TT flat-bed which my friends called Teddy because it was a rough rider. We also have a camp trailer named Moo because it once had a collision with a cow. The former owners of the camp trailer were leaving Burning Man at night. They ran into a cow which damaged their truck and the front corner of the trailer which now sports a large plywood patch. The condition of the cow is not known. Roger Barrett*



### Vern’s and Eula’s T’s name

*Our 1919 Model T touring is named “Dorothea” after Bert and Dorothea Dependener. They were in our club for years, plus they were our friends. After Bert died in 1979, Dorothea sold us the car in 1980. Dorothea donated a lot to our T club. Vern and Eula Marriott*



So, does your Model T (or other antique/vintage car) have a special name? Or, did you name a car in the past? If so, what is it and how did your car get that special name? We hope to include details of your car’s name in upcoming T Diggins’ newsletters. Please send your car’s name and a few notes on how the car’s name came to be to: Erik Lindstedt. [thelindstedts@gmail.com](mailto:thelindstedts@gmail.com)

## General Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2016

Call to Order / Welcome - The February 2016 general membership meeting was called to order promptly at 7:00 PM by President John Saylor. The meeting was held at the Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, CA.

Greeter Report – Junette noted the presence of Rich and Julie Instness’s grandson who was in attendance as well as Philip Gardner.

Sunshine Report – Susie Krezman reported that Doug Avey was present at the meeting and that he was continuing with his ongoing lung cancer treatments. Doug remarked that he was doing OK and would be going to Stanford Hospital for a new treatment protocol. He remains cautiously optimistic.

Secretary Report – Steve Short reported that the minutes of the January 14th 2016 General Meeting were printed in last months “T Diggins’ Newsletter.” As there were no other corrections or additions requested, the January minutes were declared to stand without change. Steve thanked Kitty Goodell for covering his secretarial duties in January.

Treasurer Report – Kitty Goodell proffered her Treasurer’s report as of February 16th, 2016 and that the Club remains in excellent financial condition. She reminded the membership that if they have incurred any outstanding expense reports needing reimbursement, please submit them promptly. (It was noted that the club cannot reimburse any expenses without receipts.)

T-Diggins Editor Report – Erik Lindstedt reported that everyone should find the time to watch the video “Get out and get under” which he had noted in the last T-Diggins’ Newsletter. A great little amusing story involving a young man and his car, with interesting images of his car in action! He also noted that there are plenty of interesting other vintage movies on YouTube. He also noted that he appreciated the many submissions of story’s that have been submitted in the theme of how I named my car? Keep

sending more! Erik also requested help in assembling and mailing the newsletter. He had expected to retire from his day job but his employer is asking him to continue for a few more months.

Vice President’s Report on Upcoming Activities – Susie Krezman, Club V.P. provided an updated general summary of upcoming 2016 MLMTC events and activities for the membership. See activities on page one of this newsletter - Additional notes:

April 27 & 28 – Annual ACCC meeting at CAM. Club normally pays for two people to attend, includes lunch. Very interesting, if anyone is interested in attending let John Saylor know. He and Gary have attended the past few years.

May 21 & 22 – David & Patricia Pava Tour, which will be centered in Cameron Park area and will be set up so you can go one day or the other, or both? Details to follow!

June 4-5 – MLMTC Annual Swap Meet: (Auburn Fair Grounds, Saturday the 4th: Set up in the AM / Members Potluck in the PM) (Sunday the 5th: Event opens at 5:00 AM / clean up by 3:00 PM).

June 26 – July National Tour in Albuquerque. John asked if anyone is planning on attending and Gary Krezman indicated that he and Susie were considering attending. Gary provided an update on the National Club’s consideration of how to better manage the planning process using a three-year lottery system. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

### Other Activities

Monthly Racing Report- Bobbie Weitzel and Chief Mechanic, Eric Barrett) provided an update on their ongoing improvements to their Model “T” speedster hill climbing machine. They are hopeful that they can soon best the Model “A” racers!

## Old Business

Trouble Trophy – Junette did not bring the trophy to the meeting as she will be adding to it. Mark Porco has been once again spared becoming the latest proud recipient. We all will have to wait for the awards ceremony!

Club Shirts - John again reported that he still had a very small stock of MLMTC shirts. If you are interested, please contact John directly to see what sizes are available. John advised that he still has a few sweatshirts.

Club Auction of antique Model T car parts - We have had numerous donated car parts and items of interest placed at auction. Members should keep bringing their unwanted parts to the monthly club meetings!

## Swap Meet

Flyers were again delivered by Gary Krezman for folks to take and post (or pass out as they can) to get the word out about our well known annual function.

Food Booth - Julie Instness reported she will be making some updates to the food booth operation for this year. She will have a sign up for shifts at the next meeting. Lots of help will be needed.

## New Business

Tech Tips – No information was offered this evening.

50-50 – Alan Koch and Sherry Rodriguez have teamed up to take on responsibilities to operate the Club's favored Club Gambling fund raiser! The Club hauled in \$37:00 and Bobbie Weitzel

## Trading Post - Hello Earl!

We received a letter from Sharron Odell, daughter of Earl Odell who wanted to let the club members know that Earl has some Model T and Model A patches as well as other memorabilia and he would like to find someone interested in these items. For more information contact Sharron at 707-642-9444.

took home a grand slam of \$37.00 by sweeping both the 1st and 2nd drawings.

## Show and Tell

John Boorinakis shared a rather unique piston ring cleaning tool which he had acquired for the princely cost of \$2.00. Many comments were made about what a scary looking device it was!

Steve Short proudly displayed his latest Indy 500 relic in (a wrecked engine cowling from Scott Dixon's Indy car which crashed in 2003 at a race in Japan! It is now destined to be displayed in his workshop. Scott has subsequently won the annual championship race series for four years, and won the 500 in 2008. He is currently #1 in



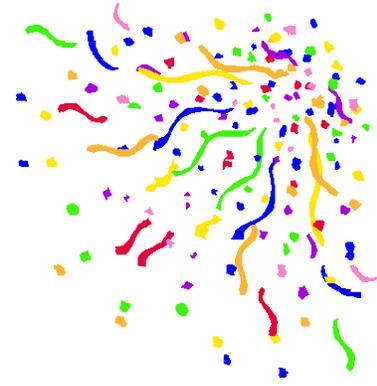
the all time “active drivers” list with 67 Indy Car wins over the past 13 years! If interested, you may see the video on U-tube by searching for “Scott Dixon 2003 Montegi Crash”

The President made a final call for any other New Business from the membership present. Hearing none, President Saylor gaveled the Meeting to a close at 7:51 PM!  
Stephen Short, Secretary

## Happy March Birthdays!

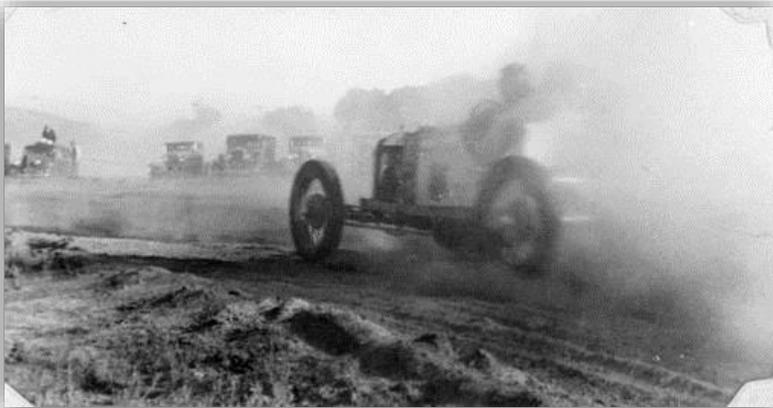
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## Happy March Anniversaries!

Vern & Eula Marriott 25  
John & Janice Saylor 30

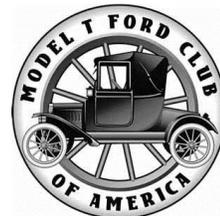


*“May the dust of your carriage wheels  
blind the eyes of your foes”.* Irish toast,  
Anonymous

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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:

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