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Monthly Newsletter of the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club

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November 2016 – Happy Thanksgiving!

Presidents Ramblings



The weather this fall reminds me of a chant we used to say as kids only I want to change it to: Rain, Rain, Go away, come on back when we aren't touring in Model Ts! Well, that sort of happened for the Fall Colors Tour, it was dry. Thanks Erik and Cindy for another great year ending tour. I was looking back through our website photo gallery and we have had some great tours this year. The next big event is the Christmas Party, Sunday December 11 at the Auburn Valley Country Club. So, don't miss out. Next year is shaping up to be another good year of touring. I hear several good ideas being discussed for tours and events. We are still looking for one more volunteer for the board so raise your hand and serve a term before it's too late. We will be voting at the November meeting. I just got word that long time member Ben Pomeroy

passed away Friday, October 28. Ben was a great supporter of the club and certainly will be missed. More information will be sent as we find out more. *John Saylor*

2016 Activities

Nov 10 - Monthly Meeting. Sizzler, 13570, Lincoln Way, Auburn. Dinner at 5:30-7 pm. Meeting starts at 7 pm.

Nov 15- LOLs, (Ladies out to Lunch) 12:30 pm. Pottery World Restaurant, 4419 Granite Drive, Rocklin, Hostess: Sherry Rodriguez, RSVP, 530- 888-8083. Note the time change this time only.

Dec 11 - Christmas Banquet, Auburn Valley Country Club – See flyer. - Eula Marriott

2017 Save the dates

January - Annual President's Pizza Feed

Feb 11 - Annual Crab Feed

March 4 - Charter Celebration, Auburn Valley Country Club

April 7-8 - The Big Bakersfield Swap Meet

April - Gil Machdo Memorial Shakedown Tour to Colusa

April 23 - HCCA Swap Meet. American River College

May - Tour hosted by Brad Lusk

June 4 - 41st annual Mother Lode Swap Meet. Gold Country Fairgrounds.

July 16-22 - MTFCA-MTFCI National Tour, White Fish, Montana

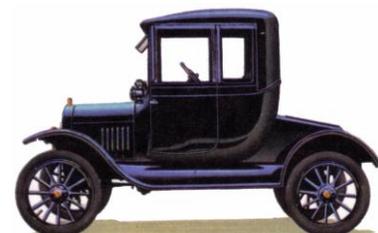
July - Annual Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour

August - Ice Cream Social

September - Tour hosted by the Saylor's

October - Fall Colors Tour

December - Christmas Party



From Model Ts to Ferraris...



It's not often that you find Model T enthusiasts hanging out with the Ferrari crowd, but the Finkbiner family is one notable exception. Pictured is Christian and Bill at the Niello Concourse at Serrano in El Dorado Hills on Sunday, October 2nd. Their stunning 1962, V12 Ferrari 250 GT/E on display, was acquired back in 1979 when Bill was just about the age Christian is today. As you may know, Bill grew up with the old car hobby and still has a Model T that his dad restored when Bill was just an infant. It is great to see car enthusiasm spanning the generations in the Finkbiner family.



2016 Fall Colors Tour, October 29th

The days leading up to the Fall Colors Tour were fraught with seemingly endless monitoring of weather reports and realizing we didn't really understand the difference between the forecasts of "rain" and "showers" – Not to mention what the heck "chance of rain" was all about compared to "showers likely". Anyway, we eventually learned some weather basics such as "rain" tends to be more widespread and steady and "showers" are downpours of shorter duration and scattered. Anyway, we really wanted the tour to be a go and we had received a number of calls from enthusiastic club members who were willing to take on a few sprinkles even if it meant opting to take a more modern mode of transportation. We made the final call on the Thursday prior to the Saturday tour proclaiming "Yes – We're Going!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" in our final email announcement. After a few follow up phone calls to a few questioning club members and confirmation with The Northridge Restaurant in Penn Valley, we were both happy and committed to move forward with the tour. Without a top on our '26 touring, we debated the possibility of taking one of our modern cars to fend off the elements. What about "Georgie"? Georgie is our 1965 Jaguar S-type sedan – an unrestored original project with ongoing mechanical fixes, lots of character and a blast to drive. After



some last minute adjustments on Friday, we were good to go, or so we thought with our British Invasion magic carpet ride – And as we sputtered into Raley’s parking lot on Saturday morning, we realized Georgie was feeling a bit under the weather – unclear at that point about the root cause, many classic teases about Lucas electrical systems ensued. At the final count we had a total of 39 people in a mix of



Model Ts, Model As and modern iron. It was especially great to see Jack and daughter Carla representing the Duncan clan. We were off and after a brief diversion to help out Louie with a starter that decided to get stuck, the team headed out. Georgie’s original twin overhead cam six was either running like a powerful jungle cat or a bucking bronco. However, by the time we arrived in Colfax, Georgie was purring like a kitten, but Gordon was having his own set of challenges with what turned out to be an ignition issue with the ’27 T touring. We were fortunate to have Milt Webb on point for some expert diagnosis and after a bit of tinkering, all were back on

the road. We continued out Highway 174 and the Old Colfax road and on to our rest (and donut) stop at Mautino Park in Grass Valley. While the skies were overcast, no major downpour crossed our path and the fall colors were just awesome – some the best we have experienced on our fall tours. Since we were running a little late on time we decided to pass on the Nevada City loop that we had planned (saved for next year!) and headed to our lunch destination in a scenic route heading out of Grass Valley and around



Lake Wildwood. The fall colors continued with great displays of rich golden hues and vibrant reds – just awesome! The group arrived at The Northridge in Penn Valley just as the skies provided some of those long anticipated showers. After an initial bit of confusion, the restaurant staff launched into action and provided a great pizza feed to our humble group of hungry travelers. We headed home the country trails via Mc Courtney and Wolf roads continuing our quest for fall colors while some in modern cars opted for the more direct routes of highways 20 and 49. By the time we got to Combie Road near Alta Sierra we were down to seven cars, but making good headway – everyone made it home safe and sound. Overall, was a beautiful day – the weather, while overcast and a few sprinkles, added to the cool crispness of a fall touring experience. The route, while familiar, was abound with wonderful fall colors. The food was flavorful and our cars made it home with just a few issues. Best of all was sharing all of it with a great group of family and friends! Erik and Cindy Lindstedt

What year is this Model T?

We included this picture in our tour guide for this year's Fall Color Tour. The original photograph was taken years ago is currently posted on the Ford Motor Company web site. It depicts a family and friends touring back in the day, however, no details as to the year it was taken or the year of the car are provided. At first glance, the car's body appears to be perhaps a 1915 or 1916 touring given the cowl and firewall design. But what about those earlier style headlamps (acetylene) and three-tiered sidelights?



Look carefully at the crank handle – appears to be of the turned aluminum type, typically seen on 1911-1914 cars. What about those curved fenders? Those are found typically on cars after 1917. Best guess is that the chassis is most likely from a 1911-1914 and like many Ts in the era was updated with available replacement parts over time – Always interesting what old photos can share about the history of old cars.

LOL Gathering for November

This month's LOL (Ladies out to Lunch) is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th, Pottery World Restaurant, 4419 Granite Drive, Rocklin at 12:30 (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME – We have been asked not to arrive earlier than 12:30 as the restaurant has several lunch reservations on this day and cannot seat us earlier). Sherry Rodriguez is hosting the event and can be reached at (530) 888-8083.

Christmas Banquet, Sunday, December 11th, Auburn Valley Country Club

The holiday season is here! Our Christmas Banquet is scheduled on Sunday, December 11th at the Auburn Valley Country Club. Eula Marriot is once again coordinating this festive event that starts with a social hour at 3:00 and dinner served at 4:00. Reservations are required by November 27th. See the flyer sent with this newsletter or our T club web site. This year we are doing a canned food drive to support the Auburn Area Christmas Basket. Please bring canned food and/or non-perishable food items.

Mother Lode Model T Club Meeting Minutes – October 13th, 2016

President John Saylor welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Club Greeter, Junette Avey Brown reported that we had two visiting Model T Enthusiasts from Germany return to our General Meeting as guests of Richard & Bertie Baughman, who had visited us last year.

Sunshine Report - Susie Krezman reported that she had sent a card to Cliff Hyatt who took a fall last month but has been reported that he is well on his way to recovery.

Secretary Report - Steve Short noted the minutes of the September meeting were printed in the newsletter and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing no further changes requested, Steve declared that the General Meeting Minutes were accepted as printed. Steve then circulated a recent newsletter from the Redwood Empire Model T Club to the members present.

Treasurer Report - Kitty Goodell reported that our treasury had some modest income and expenses in the past month but the club remains in a strong financial position.

Vice Presidents Report - Susie provided a report on the upcoming Event Schedule as we wind down 2016, and begin to see the Touring landscape for 2017:

- **October 18th: LOLs, (Ladies out to Lunch)** 11:30 am. Rabino's Italian Restaurant, 5105 Pacific St, Rocklin. Hostess: Wanda Johnson, 530 - 637-4960.
- **October 29th: The Lindstedt "Fall Colors" Tour** is now confirmed for this date. We will meet at Raley's at 8:30AM, and will depart promptly at 9:00 AM. The tour will be to Grass Valley and Nevada City along with some interesting detours on several obscure side roads. Lunch will be had at the Northridge Pizza Parlor in Penn Valley.
- No Tour is scheduled for November. Enjoy your turkey & trimmings with family and friends!
- **December 11th: The Club Christmas Dinner** will be again held at the Auburn Country Club (Details and exact timing has not been finalized. Eula Marriott will be hosting the event again, and will possibly include a food donation collection similar to last year's event.
- **February 11th 2017 The Club annual Crab Feed:** is a go at the Auburn Grange Hall. Logistics have not yet been completely worked out. (Details TBD).
- **March 2017 (The first Week): The Club annual Charter Dinner** is also a go and will be held at the Auburn Valley Country Club. (Details TBD).
- **April 2017 (Early in the Month): The Club Shakedown Tour** is a go for early in the month. It is likely to include the Sacramento Club meeting us in Lincoln, driving the well-trodden road up thru Yuba City and ending for Lunch in Colusa, possibly at the Local Casino. (Details TBD).
- **June 4th 2017: 41st annual Mother Lode Swap Meet. Gold Country Fairgrounds.**

Other Activities

- **Tech Tips:** None were reported this Month.
- **T-Diggins** - Erik Lindstedt again requested a member(s) to step forward and assume the editorship. (Someone is badly needed to fill this important position...Remember, it could be a joint Team effort!)

Old Business

- Junette Avey Brown provided a brief report on her September tour to Rocklin last month. The weather was beautiful and the visit to Rocklin's Quarry Park offered the site of the old water filled workings (one of which had a lovely fountain). The local History Museum provided lots of interesting information, and easy walking to the historic restored Catholic Church (along with a local wine tasting room on the other side of the S.P. railroad tracks). The Club turnout was light, but all went home happy.
- John Saylor reported that three club members have offered to take seats on the 2017 Board of Directors: Brad Lusk, Ed Rodriquez, and Sherry Rodriquez.
- John again asked if we could have a 4th new Board member volunteer in time for the November Election!
- The next Board meeting is now tentatively scheduled for December 5th or 12th where the new board members will have an opportunity to attend for orientation prior to assuming their seats in January.

New Business:

- John Saylor reported that the 2017 National Tour will be held in Whitefish, Montana. Get your hotel reservations fast if you are planning to attend!
- John also reported that the 2018 National Tour will be held in Santa Rosa, CA. (Wine tasting anyone?)

Show and Tell:

- Erik Lindstedt reported that Martin and Julie Smith have their Model A for sale.
- John Saylor reported that Mary Ramsey has several of her cars for sale. She had also donated a collection of vintage books, and a large slide collection from the June 1990 National Tour. Membership discussions led to the suggestion that our Club have the slides digitized, and added to the club library.

Club Auction: A variety of items were put up for Auction to the membership and yielded the following results:

- A Model T Car Book went to Brad Lusk for \$23.00
- A History of the Motor Car Book went to Steve Short for \$10.00
- A Model T Super Profile Book went to Bobbie Weitzel for \$10.00
- A 50 Years of Classic Cars Book went to Rich Sylva for \$5.00
- A brand new pickup truck cargo net went to Junette Avey-Brown for \$10.00
(books donated by Mary Ramsay, Cargo net by Doug Avery)

50-50: Our popular Club Raffle was held, and the proceeds were split by David Pava, and Brad Lusk who each collected \$29.00 while the club pocketed a spectacular \$59.00! (Perhaps an all-time record for the club!)

Motion to Adjourn: There being no other new business raised, a motion to close the meeting was offered by Junette, and seconded by Bertie. John Saylor gaveled the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Stephen Short, Club Secretary

Trading Post – A great Model A!

We wanted to let club members know our 1929 4 door is for sale. It runs good, mostly stock, has mohair upholstery, dark green with white wall tires, Price reduced from \$10,000 to \$8,000 firm. Phone number (530) 637-4914. Thank You, Martin & Julie Smith



Happy November Birthdays!

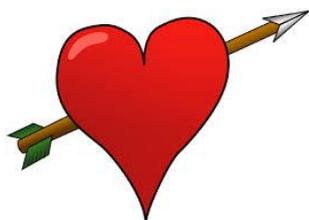
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About your age this year....



To the church – And make it quick!





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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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