



T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club

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April 2017

Activities at a Glance

- ♦ April 7-8 - HCCA Bakersfield Swap Meet.
- ♦ April 13 - **Thursday, Monthly Meeting.**
Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn.
Come for dinner at 5:30 - 6 pm.
Meeting will start at 7 pm.
- ♦ April 18, Tuesday, LOL Lunch, 11:30
Applebee's Restaurant, Auburn.
RSVP - Toni Moore, 530 823-5233.
- ♦ April 22 - Gil Machado Memorial Shake
down tour to Colusa. Details below
- ♦ April 29 - F.A.S.T. Spring Hill Climb -
Auburn Airport.
- ♦ April 30 - NORCAL HCCA Swap Meet,
American River College.
- ♦ May 21 - Poor Reds Tour, El Dorado Ca.
by David Pava. See Flyer Attached
- ♦ June 3 - Mother Lode Swap Meet setup.
- ♦ June 4 - **Mother Lode Swap Meet.** Gold
Country Fairgrounds.
- ♦ July 4 - Dutch Flat Parade and picnic at
Little Bear Tree Farm in Alta.
- ♦ July 27-30 - NORCAL HCCA Ryan Ramble
Tour. See details on our website.
- ♦ Aug 12 - Beat the Heat - Breakfast Tour.

President's Message

Greetings once again to the members of the Mother Lode club. April is upon us and with it our first tour of the year. It looks like a good one, some new things to see. Be sure your model T's are ready. Speaking of which, one thing I see on many of the old cars we work on is low tire pressure. These tires, especially if they are old ones, can be low on pressure without appearing flat. Even a slow leak can cause this when your T sits over the winter season. Check them. This is a safety issue, particularly on clincher tires. They need 50psi at least. Failures here can be disastrous.

We have a great schedule of events this year with our club and others. Thanks again to the folks that make it happen. At our next couple of meetings we will be discussing the upcoming swap meet. As always, we need help with all aspects of the event. Please consider assisting us in any way you can. There will be signup sheets at the meeting or email me if you can help but will not be at the meetings. This is the event that finances our whole club's existence.

Our club has lost a good man. Brad Derrenger passed away late in March. He was a friend of the Barrett family and all of us. You did not see him on many tours as his cars are at his Summer home near Seattle, but he was a regular at other events when he could come. He was enjoying playing with his cars even while battling health issues. If you knew Brad you knew a kind and generous individual. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Darothy and his family.

Now for the good news. **It's tour season!** See you there.

Fordially, Erik

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48TH ANNUAL CHARTER BRUNCH 2017

Our 48th annual charter celebration was held March 5, 2017 at the Auburn Valley Country Club.

For some of our new members, the Mother Lode Model T Club was formed in 1967 and received its charter from the Model T Ford Club of America in 1969. We celebrate our clubs "birthday" with a charter celebration usually the first weekend in March.

Forty one members and one guest were present. This included seven of our charter members, Naomi Edmonds, Bobbi Machado, Cliff and Norma Hyatt, Dick and Wanda Johnson and Susie Krezman.

The morning started with a 9 am social hour and a 10 am brunch. A cake was served to top off our brunch. John Saylor brought copies of the charter and a document listing the original charter members.

All of the yellow roses that were on the tables were gathered up and given to Mike Bashore to take home for Pat who was released from the hospital later that day. We all wish Pat a speedy recovery and are thinking of you.

Susie Krezman and Sherry Rodriguez
Charter brunch chairpersons.



May Tour to Poor Red's, El Dorado, Sunday, May 21

We will meet at Raley's. Brad and Annette Lusk will lead us to Cameron Park where we will meet up with the Sacramento Valley Model T Club, The Nor-Cal Horseless Carriage Club and others. We will leave Cameron Park at 10:15 am. David and Pat Pava will lead us on a back road tour to the former gold rush town of El Dorado. We will have lunch at Poor Red's BBQ, home of the Golden Cadillac Cocktail. It's very important that you RSVP to David. We will have separate checks and dedicated seating for those that have signed up. See the attached flyer.

National Tour

The National Tour will be centered in Whitefish, Montana. Several in our club are going. You do have to be a member of one of the National Clubs to attend.

- ♦ July 16-22 - MTFCA-MTFCI National Tour, White Fish, Montana. See details in *The Vintage Ford*.

Annual Gil Machado Memorial Shake Down Tour Saturday, April 22



This year's Shake Down Tour will take us to the town of Colusa. We will be meeting the Sacramento Valley Club at McBean Park in Lincoln. With all

of the rain this year the country side should be green and beautiful.

Meet at Raley's, 8 am. Leave Raley's at 8:30. Meet up with the Sacramento Club at McBean Park in Lincoln at 9:30. There will be a rest stop in Yuba City at the Yuba Mall. Continuing on to Colusa with lunch at the Colusa Casino. So, get those T's tuned up and safety checked. It's going to be a fun touring year.

Gary & Susie Krezman, Tour Leaders

2017 Rosters

The 2017 rosters are here. I passed some out at the March meeting and will have them available at the April meeting. I will also be sending out a copy by email. -John

F.A.S.T. Spring Hill Climb

On April 29 F.A.S.T. will be hosting their spring Hill Climb at Auburn Airport. This event is open to pre-1935 Ford cars and trucks, stock or modified. Must have Model T, A or B engine to compete. Time trials start at 10 am. Let's all go out and cheer our own team of Erik Barrett & Bobby Weitzel in their Gemsa powered T-- Wild Cherry II.



Safety and Our Cars

There are lots of touring opportunities this year. We all need to perform a safety check on our cars before we start touring. At the end of this newsletter is the official MTFCA Safety check form. Take the copy out to your car(s) and check all the items. It only takes a short time. If you have never done this, it will help familiarize you with your car and give you piece of mind that you are driving a safer T.

Association of California Car Clubs Conference, April 26-27

The ACCC will be holding their annual conference. This will provide you an opportunity to meet and discuss automotive issues with State Legislators, State Agency Officials, Automotive Professionals, and Professional Automotive Educators. All Collector Vehicle owners, businesses, and car hobby enthusiasts invited! The event will be held at the California Auto Museum. We send a couple of delegates every year. Sign up at the next meeting.

Meeting Minutes

MOTHER LODGE MODEL T CLUB MEETING MINUTES – March 9, 2017TH

President Eric Barrett welcomed everyone, and called the Meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

- Eric Reported that the **Crab Feed** was another outstanding social success this year, and **thanked Kitty and all of the attendees** for their support on setting up and tearing down the venue! He noted that we still need to have someone step forward to assume the leadership duties for next Year's Event....**Members take notice!**
- Eric also reported that the annual **Club Charter Brunch** was another very successful social event honoring the Founding members of the **MLMTC** which has now completed its **48th Year** of existence! Kudos to all of the Founders who have built this remarkable history and legacy!
- Eric also reported that Al Gillming's son Lance was present this evening.

Club Greeter Report- Junette Avey Brown noted that no other guests were present this evening.

Sunshine Report- Susie Krezman reported that she had sent out the following Cards in February and March:

- Richard Baughman, 70th Birthday.
- Brad Derringer, serious illness.
- Murray Work, serious injury.
- Pat Bashore, serious surgery.

Secretary Report- Steve Short asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Meeting Minutes of January which had been distributed through our Club Newsletter. He also asked the Members who were present if they wished to have him read the minutes at each future Club meeting before their approval? The Members present were unanimous in a voice vote to not bother! Hearing no changes requested, Steve declared the minutes accepted as printed.

Treasurer Report- Sherry Rodriguez reported that she and Kitty Goodell still needed to visit the bank for adding her signature authority for the Club Banking Account's. She presented the financial results from the Feb. Crab Feed event, summarizing a modest financial profit to the club. She then read the report dated March 9th which summarized positive Crab Feed Impacts, and overall Revenue and Expense status. The Club continues to remain in a strong financial position!

Vice Presidents Report- Susie Krezman provided a brief overview of upcoming 2017 Activities:

- **April 22nd 2017: The Club Shakedown Tour** is a definite Go! It is will include at least 7 Cars from the Sacramento Club meeting us in Lincoln, driving the well-trodden road through Yuba City and having Lunch in Colusa. Susie then circulated a signup sheet for Members who were planning on attending this year's Event.
- **April 29nd 2017: The Fast Hill Climb** event will be held at the Auburn Airport, for those not attending the Shakedown Tour. Eric Barrett and Bob Weitzel are **shooting for total domination over the Model A's!**
- **June 4th 2017: 41st annual Mother Lode Swap Meet at the Gold Country Fairgrounds.** Eric noted that he had called for a **Board Meeting** to be held at 6:00 PM at the usual Pizza joint in Auburn this coming Monday, March 13, 2017. The **agenda** will focus on preparations for the **Annual Swap Meet!**

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Meeting Minutes, Continued

- **March 21st 2017:** LOL's will meet for lunch at Sweet Peas Restaurant once again. 11:30 am.
- **May 21st 2017: Poor Reds Bar and Grill Tour** has been scheduled by David Pava to leave from Cameron Park to take a back road excursion to this historic spot in Eldorado. He expects that we will be joined by members from the Sacramento & NorCal Horseless Carriage Clubs. A signup sheet will be circulated at our April meeting.
- **June, 2017:** No tour has been scheduled for this Month.
- **July 4th 2017: Independence Day** will again be available for Members for the Dutch Flat Parade (details TBD)
- **July Breakfast Tour** will be rescheduled for the middle of August (details TBD).

Tech Tips: None were presented by the Members this Month.

T-Diggins: John once again requested that the Membership please submit their contributions & stories by the 25th of each month. Your personal stories are much needed!

Old Business: None was discussed this evening.

New Business: None was offered this evening.

Club Auction: A very spirited bidding war broke out over an Model T **Sediment Bowl**, a box of **Model T DVD's**, and a **1000 piece puzzle** featuring a Model T. Cash was delivered to the Club Treasurer!

50-50 Club Raffle. Alan Koch and Bertie Baughman each collected \$20 and the Club took home its 50 % share!

Eric Barrett gaveled the Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 PM

Stephen Short, Club Secretary



Celebration of life June 4, 2017, Elks Club Carmichael



Bradie Calvin Derrenger. Born 29 Nov 1942 in Alexandria Virginia. Graduated with Bachelor of Science and Masters of Physiology Degrees from Mississippi State. Brad met the love of his life on a blind date at Mississippi Women's College. Brad and Darothy were wed 17 July 1966 in Louisville, Mi. They raised two children: Bradie Jr. living in Summer, Wa. and Tammy residing in Elk Grove, Ca. Brad retired from the FBI with 28 years, plus an additional 14 years as an independent FBI contractor.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



April Anniversaries

Merv & Barbara Hall	4
Richard & Joyce Weitzel	6
Dick & Wanda Johnson	24
Randy & Helen Johnson	24

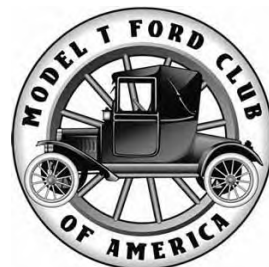
April Birthdays

Mary Lynn Barrett	1	Philip Lawrence	19
Susie Krezman	8	Patricia Pava	19
Teri Margrey	12	Larry Taylor	22
Beth Finkbeiner	13	George Bamber	30
Pat Gillming	13		





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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 membership information and application. The website also introduces those new to the hobby to the club.

The *Mother Lode Model T Club* was organized 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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SACRAMENTO MODEL T CLUB

Invites Mother Lode Model T Club and NorCal HCCA to:

POOR REDS LUNCH TOUR –

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

We will meet in the Cameron Park Safeway Parking Lot at 10 AM for a 10:15 departure. Cameron Park Drive Exit - South off 50 – Restrooms and Trailer Parking Available

There will be a 20 mile back road to tour to lunch – and an optional stop after lunch.

No cost other than what you order from their full menu - with separate checks.



It is important that you let me know if you are coming so there will be enough seating. If you arrive without an RSVP you will be the last to be seated and only on a space available basis.

Please RSVP by May 18, to David or Patricia Pava 530—677-2923 or David@Pava.com

MODEL T SAFETY INSPECTION FORM

As a tour participant with the Mother Lode Model T Club and the Model T Ford Club of America, please use this guide to inspect your car prior touring on a regular basis. Please check each of the following with a "✓" for yes, "N" for no, or and "NA" for not applicable.

Steering		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spindle connecting rod to spindles [2 required] 1 per spindle 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steering wheel has minimal (less than 2") to no play 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steering gear connecting rod[tie rod] to steering gear ball [2 required] 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gear Cover lock screw (6-32) in place 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spindle bolts (king pins) ,2 (1/spindle) 	
Acceptable wear and minimal to no play in:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radius rod (wish bone) to crankcase 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spindle arms [2 (1 per spindle)] 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ball arm (pitman arm) to steering gear connecting rod (drag link) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front spring hangers (shackles) [4 (2 per side)] 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to yoke ball 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front spring to frame [2 or 4 required, depending on year] 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spindle bolts (king pins) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yoke ball [1 required] 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spindle connecting rod bolts 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety wire, Grease, wear 	
Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed in the following:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Safety wire</u> (no cotter pins) crankcase studs holding radius rod ball cap 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radius rod (wish bone) to front axle [2 required] 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grease in steering gear case and steering gear bracket 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steering gear bracket to frame [3 required] 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check gear post and pinion gears for wear 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to yoke ball [2 required] 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check for play in steering gear case to steering column. [Check rivets /taper pins] 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ball arm (pitman arm) to steering post (1 required) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check for 6-32 steering case lock screw 	
Brakes		NOTE: Auxiliary brakes are highly recommended for stock cars and should be installed if car has an auxiliary transmission.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brake pedal (and, reverse pedal) bottom out before reaching floorboards 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both rear wheels lock-up under hard braking 			
Emergency Brakes		Cotter keys (or lock washers if not drilled) installed on:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand brake sets securely before limit of its travel (check pawl & spring) and both rear wheels lock. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control shaft assy. to frame [4 required] 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note: The hand brake must be able to hold the car with the engine running and should be able to hold the car on a moderate slope. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brake shoe bolt [2 (1 per side)] 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brake rods [4 (2 per end)] 	
Engine/Power Train		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commutator rod [2 (1 per end)] 	
Oil leaks - within acceptable limits. Gasoline leaks — none, when parked (in-line shutoff valve recommended) Cotter pins installed on:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal ball cap [2 (top bolts)] — bottom two cap screws safety-wired together 	

MODEL T SAFETY INSPECTION FORM, CONT'D

Engine/Power Train, Con'd			
Cotter Keys installed		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crankcase arm to frame [4 (2 per side)]	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carburetor rod [2 (1 per end)]		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fan bolt (on earlier cars)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choke/carburetor adjustment		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low speed connector [2 (1 per end)]	

Wheels		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All wheels tight and axle/spindle nuts cotter-keyed	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spokes (and felloes on earlier cars) are tight.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lug nuts tight on demountable rims	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Front wheel bearings — no play, good condition and greased		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check tires for wear, weather cracks, rim cuts, etc.	
Rear Axle			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rear wheel nuts tight and secured with cotter pins (use long wrench)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rear spring hangers (Shackles) [4 (2 per side)]	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rear spring perches to wheel flanges backing plates [(2) 1 per side]	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rear spring to frame [4 required]		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No oil leaks at outer seals	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check differential gear case oil level	
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration and Insurance Papers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lights functional		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rear view mirrors - California requires two.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brake light (may not be original equipment but recommended.)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire extinguisher	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety glass (strongly recommended)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Aid kit	

And as Erik noted in his message, Check your tires including the spare for splits, cracks and proper pressure.

Any items from the above list that are checked no, should be corrected before driving your T. If you need help making the corrections, please ask a fellow club member for help.

Let's have a fun year touring and not going home on the trouble truck.