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Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club

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August 2017

Activities at a Glance

- ◆ Aug 10 - Monthly Meeting at the Sizzler, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Dinner at 5:30-7 pm. Meeting starts at 7 pm.
 - ◆ Aug 12 - Beat the Heat - Breakfast Tour. See details this issue.
 - ◆ Aug 15 - Tuesday, LOL,(Ladies Out to Lunch) Thai Garden Restaurant, Hwy 49 and Palm Ave, Auburn. Hostess: Mary Lynn Barrett, 530 885-1069
 - ◆ Aug 26 - 3 pm. Ice Cream Social & Potluck- Silveira's, 16061 Fairway Glen Place, Alta Sierra. Sign up at the meeting.
 - ◆ Sept 16 - Tour to Uncle Tom's Cabin. Manifold cookout or picnic lunch- Saylor. Sign up at the meeting.
 - ◆ Sept 23 - F.A.S.T Hill Climb - Auburn Airport. [Details](#)
 - ◆ Oct - Fall Colors Tour - Leader needed
 - ◆ Dec 10 - Christmas party at Auburn Valley Country Club - Eula Marriott
- 2018 Save the dates**
- ◆ June 3, 2018 - Save the Date. Our annual Mother Lode Swap Meet

Message from our President

Greetings members of the Mother Lode model T club. August is here and so is the heat. We have a few events this month to work around the weather. The beat the heat tour is early in the day and worked great that way last year. We will be home before it really starts heating up. Silveira's ice cream social on the 25th will have shade and cool treats. LOL's will be air conditioned, too. Let's get together and share the things we enjoy.

The September tour looks like fun. Get your manifold cookers ready. I haven't been to Uncle Tom's since it was still dirt roads. Progress, I suppose.

We have a hole in our calendar for October that needs to be filled. Please consider helping out with a tour. Is there something interesting in our area you think others would like to see? A great place to eat? It's not hard to put a tour together around it. Just a couple of phone calls and a test run for mileage and time, maybe a map. Call for lunch on our own and no need to deal with money. Let's see some new places.

Many thanks to the club for its good wishes and prayers for my recovery. I am in physical therapy and the doctors are in charge. I am thankful for my progress and hope to see all of you soon.

Fordially, Erik

DUTCH FLAT 4TH OF JULY PARADE 2017

Eleven cars and 21 members left Raleys at 8:00am to travel back roads to Dutch Flat. As with any good free event, the little parade hosted by the residents of Dutch Flat has

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grown. Staging space for the parade is limited. The parade is so short that it circles town twice. This year the starting participants heading up the parade circled town and when they got back to their starting location not all of the parade participants had been able to start in the parade. The head met the tail, so to speak. Last year the parade took 45 minutes to complete; this year was an hour and a half. Our engines were overheating, so a few of our members went around only once. If we continue to go to the parade, I might suggest that we only make one round. The parade is divided into two sections, the dry section and the wet section. Along the way are children and their families ready to cool you off with water balloons, water guns and hoses. In the wet section the parade participants also retaliated with water hoses (Fire trucks), and balloons. We opted to be in the dry section. At the end of the parade those watching the parade pick up all the expended water balloons and trash. It is a great community event. Then it was off to the Little Bear tree farm in Alta. There we enjoyed our picnic lunches in a beautiful cool forest setting beside a small creek and pond before heading back home. Thank you Steve and Polly Elliott for arranging the lunch spot.

Susie Krezman---Tour Leader

Picnic at Little Bear Tree Farm



Editor's Note: Thanks to Allan for pictures and also Steve for also being a roving photographer and taking many pictures from different vantage spots along the route.

Morning break in Colfax



Lining up on a tight street



Notice the wet streets from the many water balloons tossed at the participants ahead of us.



Sunshine

Pat Bashore is recovering from open heart bypass surgery.

Bill Finkbeiner - Recovering from a running accident.

Erik Barrett - Recovering from a bad accident on 99.

Pray for quick recovery for all.

September Tour

Our September tour, hosted by John & Janice Saylor, will be on September 16. Meet at Raley's at 8:30 am. We will leave at 9 am. We will tour out past Georgetown to Uncle Tom's Cabin. This will be manifold cookout tour. We will eat in Uncle Tom's private meadow picnic area. If you do not want to try manifold cooking, just bring picnic lunch. They serve beer and soft drinks but no food. Bring a dollar bill to pin on the ceiling or wall.

Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour August 12

Our annual Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour will take us to Dine N Dash, in Colfax. Meet at Raley's 7:00 AM, Leave at 7:30 AM. We will have a short tour, breakfast and most of us should be back home by Noon. RSVP to Susie now, so she can give the restaurant a head count. 530-823-7957



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Ice cream Social will be at Les and Sandy's house on Saturday August 26, the address is 16061 Fairway Glen in Grass Valley, it will

start at 3:00pm. It is going to be a potluck so there will be plenty of food, besides the ice cream. Since there wasn't a July meeting I will be contacting everyone by phone to see who will be coming, we will be having some entertainment like we did last year so everybody please bring your singing voices. If there are any questions, please call [530-272-3994](tel:530-272-3994) or contact me at katiecatsls@gmail.com. Sincerely, Sandy Silveira

Uncle Tom's is a very unique place, So don't miss the tour.

For Sale: 1926 Ford Model T Touring and a 1921 Ford Model TT Truck. The two Model T Fords are intact, in running condition, and are ready for someone to restore to their original glory. There are also several extra spare parts. All vehicles and parts are located in Novato, California, and I've included photos for your review. I also have short videos of the each of the cars while running which I can forward to you as well. I understand that the truck was originally owned by Hills Bros. Coffee in San Francisco and was used as a delivery truck. Unfortunately, I have been unable to locate documentation to substantiate this information.

Janice Groshak Lami jgroshak@att.net



Fall Colors Tour

Erik and Cindy Lindstedt have headed up the annual Fall Colors Tour, held in October, for the last several years. They will not be able to head it up this year. This is your great opportunity to head up a tour that is always well attended, weather is cooling down and it is the last tour of the year. It is always a popular event. Contact me if you are interested in hosting this fun event.

Susie Krezman VP



From last year's tour

Birthdays and Anniversaries



August Anniversaries

Tom & Maryellen Huff	2
Brad & Annette Lusk	3
Bob & Mary Jane McCoy	3
Les & Sandy Silveira	11
Rich & Sherry Silva	14
Erik & Cindy Lindstedt	15
John & Leona Boorinakis	16
Jerry & Dani Anders	23
Al & Sharon Stoll	24
Bill & Beth Finkbeiner	25
Jerry & Dani Anders	26
Allen & Maryann Koch	26
John & Leona Boorinakis	16

August Birthdays

Richard Instness	2	Mark O'Connor	20
Eula Marriott	9	Bobbi Machado	22
Maya Marroitt	11	Doug Avery	26
Vern Marriott	16	Kristy Keyser	27
Paula Mikles	16	Helen Johnson	28
Al Stoll	17	Doris Bailey	29
Jeff Instness	19		



Ryan Ramble Tour, July 27-30

Janice and I attended the Ryan Ramble Tour Hosted by the NorCal Horseless Carriage Club. This is an annual event headed up by Matt & Clay Ryan and their families. This year the tour was centered in Petaluma California. There were approximately 40 cars on the tour some from as far away as Washington. Many makes and models; Ford, Chevrolet, Dodge, Packard, Hudson, Franklin, a Stevens



Duryea, three nice speedsters and the oldest, two 1910 right hand drive Buicks. The first day we drove back roads toward the coast



and north on Hwy 1 through Valley Ford, Bodega Bay, Jenner and on to our lunch stop at Fort Ross State Park. I was the first of several to ride the trouble trailer. My sedan started sputtering, back firing and died twice a few miles out of Petaluma. The second time it refused to restart. While checking the Winfield Carburetor, the idle adjustment screw broke out of the carb pot metal body! Well

onto the trailer until our morning coffee stop at North Salmon Creek Overlook. There we consulted with each other and determined that if we plugged the hole off the car would run but not at slow idle.



Matt found a wire connector in his tool box the right size and with some RTV Silicon, the hole was plugged. We were back on the road. (As I would find out later, this was not the real problem). We had a beautiful drive up the coast. There is a lot of early California history here at the Fort. After Ft. Ross there were two routes to the next stop, one had a very steep down grade the other back tracked a few miles but both routes met up in Cazadero. We elected the easier way knowing my brakes are not the best and having to keep a fast idle. It was a gorgeous route with good views of the ocean as the fog had cleared. We turned East on

Hwy 116 following the Russian River. We had just missed the Cazadero turn off and looking for a place to make a U turn when my sedan again began to backfire, spit and sputter and finally come to a stop. After a little trouble shooting, I found the distributor rotor not seated in the notch???. How did this happen??. After making sure it was definitely seated properly I was again on the way. The car



was now running very well except for having to keep the throttle opened up when coming to a stop and driving slow. At Cazadero we waited and waited for our tour leaders to come down off the hill. The tour here was delayed and cut short. Some of us went on in and toured Willys Jeep restoration place. There were many Jeeps in various stages. The delay was because the '15 Model T that Clay Ryan was driving had a wheel come



apart on the hill about a mile back from the stop. The emergency brake shoe broke in half and sheared off most of the wheel bolts.

His wheel was ready to fall off the car. They actually disassembled that wheel and sent help to the hardware store in Cazadero for bolts and nuts and reassembled the wheel on the side of the road. We toured on down along the Russian River to Monte Rio and the Bohemian Highway through Occidental. Some stopped at Freestone Artisan Cheese and the Wild Flour Bread Bakery. Along this route outside Petaluma we came upon Jim & Carole Snow in their 1912

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Touring with a flat tire. They also had an emergency brake shoe, on his right rear, break apart and shear off wheel bolts. As Jim came to a stop he ran over a stick that punctured his left rear tire ruining it beyond repair. He has all white tires. Jim waited for the trouble trailer. No roadside repairs for him. Back at the motel we traded stories of the days run. Dinner was on our own. We had good meal at Applebee's. Saturday we toured toward Pt Reyes. Along the way we stopped at the Marin French Cheese Co. We sampled their cheeses while others were buying some. The morning coffee stop was at the Pt. Reyes Visitor Center. Here some of us



took a short walk to the San Andreas Fault to see a fence that was offset by about 20 feet during the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Then on with 18 miles around Drakes Bay, a very rough road full of pot holes and narrow at times, to the light house. Here the parking was super crowded. Luckily, with Janice's handicap placard, we were able to park. The light house is 270 stair steps down the hill and of course 270 back up. It was foggy and we couldn't see much. This was our lunch stop but not any place to hang out and eat together as a group. From here we drove back on some interesting roads to Petaluma. This evening we checked oils, adjusted what needed to be adjusted, had snacks and socialized. Dinner was again on our own. Sunday morning the run was a short drive to Jack London State Park. A very peaceful quiet place when there aren't 40 old cars wondering around. After visiting some of the sights here, we finished the trip with a group picture with all the cars and a catered BBQ chicken lunch. Those attending from our club besides Janice and I were: David & Pat Pava, Mark O'Connor, Bill & Debbie Bamber and Milt Webb.

Rebuilding a wheel on the side of the road



What's wrong with this wheel?



Imagine trying to press a wheel back together without a press! Lots of strong coordinated hands.



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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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