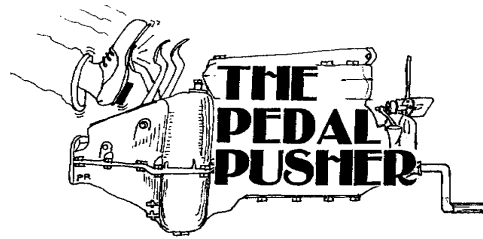




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April 3rd, 2014 — REMTC Meeting — Round Table Pizza

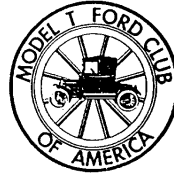
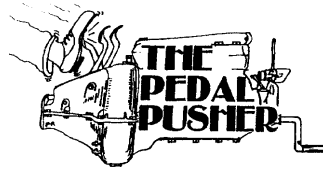
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April 20th — Happy Easter

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REMTC General Meetings for 2014

The meeting place is Round Table Pizza on Marlow Road. 6:00 PM for dinner and 7:00 PM for meeting. We meet on the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted.

REMTC Tours and events for 2014

April 5th — Pancake Breakfast — Hosts Steve & Jeanne Nelson

April 11-12 — Bakersfield Swap Meet — Details below.

May 17th & 18th — Barn Sale Hosts Faraudo and Newlin

May 31st — Forestville Parade hosted by Rich family

June 1st. — Auburn Swap Meet — Details below.

June 28th — Saturday, Ladies Tea, hosted by the Chucks.

July 4th — Kenwood Parade

July Date - TBA— Montgomery Village Car Show Host- Vince G.

July 27th — Welsh Family tour — REMTC & HCCA

July 30th - August 2nd. — Konvalinka Family Tour (details on page 5)

August 16th — Hosts, Newlin's & Faraudos

September TBA

October — *Friendship Tour* — *Date TBA*



Model T's For Sale

**For Sale — 1919 Roadster pickup — completely restored.
Call Terry Storm for details. 707-578-7587**

APRIL 11-13 — Bakersfield, California. The 22nd annual Bakersfield Swap Meet, sponsored by the Kern County Model T Ford Club and the National HCCA. Car/motorcycle tours on Thursday, April 11. Swap Meet on April 12 & 13 for pre-WWII cars, parts, automobilia and clothes. For more information, contact Greg Rimmer, 2613 Beech Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Phone 661-325-2840.

June 1, 2014 (Sunday) - Auburn, Ca - Mother Lode Model T Club 38th Annual Swap Meet. Cars, Parts, Memorabilia. Spaces 15x25 -\$25.00. Gold Country Fairgrounds. Setup after 4 pm Saturday, May 31. Gates open 5 AM Sunday June 1. No reservations. Contact: Gary (530) 823-7957, or John (916)202-5842 or web - www.motherlodemodelt.com

July 13 to 18, 2014 The San Diego Model T Club will host the Americas Finest City Tour. This tour has been designated as the MTFCA Western National tour for 2014. The tour will be centered in the city San Diego at the Four Points by Sheraton which can provide plenty of accommodation, including Model T's, tow vehicles and trailers. The tour will take the participants to the many sites that make San Diego quite unique. These will include the North county beaches, Torrey Pines, La Jolla, Mount Soledad, Point Loma, Mission Beach, Mission Trails, Coronado, the Coronado Bridge, a tour of the aircraft carrier Midway, the famed San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park and Old Town. Reserve the date now on your calendar. ³

Redwood Empire Model T Club

General Meeting, March 6th, 2014

Meeting held at Round Table Pizza, Marlow Rd., S.R.

President Steve Vining called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

43 members were in attendance.

All board members were present except Bill Newlin.

Secretary's Report:

The March meeting minutes were read by Nanette Chuck and approved by Chris Rich and seconded by Andy Clary.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was read by Ted Shimkowski and approved by Judy Konvalinka and seconded by Fran Faraudo.

Tour Report:

Availability of trouble truck trailers and equipment was discussed. For the Overnighters the trouble truck drivers get their room paid and the banquet dinner paid.

George Jones suggested a tour to the Cooley Ranch.

Richard Chuck volunteered to host the Safety Check next year.

The Flash tour on Sunday was to Forestville for the Boy Scout's pancake breakfast.

Sunshine Report:

Pam Johnson sent out two cards.

Nanette Chuck sent a thank-you note to our guest speaker, Officer John Sloate.

Librarian Report: Nothing to report.

Editor's Report:

Ginny Rich reported that she sent out 38 newsletters. National Model T Ford Club of America sent us an approval statement for our insurance. Steve Vining received a 2nd National's Golden Mouse award from MTFCA.

Historian Report:

Jeanne Nelson will set out the albums for review at the Pancake Breakfast at the Nelsons on April 5th.

Membership:

There were no new members this month.

Special Events:

Dates were set for some of the future events:

Vince asked us to 'pencil-in' July for Montgomery Village

Forestville Parade was moved to May 31st

Ladies Tea will be June 28

Old Business:

Richard Chuck contacted the French Garden for Christmas dinner information. He presented an all inclusive menu choice at \$40. Steve asked for a show of hands, and the majority voted that it be booked for December 6th.

A vote was taken to keep the Barn Sale on May 17, the same day as the Santa Rosa Parade.

New Business:

Dave Haase presented hats for sale.

Jeanne Nelson made a motion for proposal to pay Dave for the hats and the club will sell them for \$15.

Ginny Rich made a motion that in memoriam of Bob Butler, a \$50 donation be made in his name to Home Hospice, in Paradise, CA.

Thank you to Fran Faraudo for bringing the Shamrock cookies and chocolate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Nanette Chuck, REMTC Secretary



*The 2014 REMTC Overnight Tour in Fortuna
Hosted by the Konvalinka Family
July 30th — August 2nd.*



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Cost of tour including banquet lunch at the Samoa Cookhouse
\$160 per person

Includes 2 other lunches and fees

Please mail check to:

**Ted Shimkowski, Treasurer,
614 Holly Drive, Rohnert Park, CA 94928
Tour checks must be in by June 23rd.**



"In Your Easter Bonnet"



Monthly list for Desserts

Dessert should be enough for 35 and bring paper plates and plastic folks. If you can't make the meeting, Switch for another date or call a substitute.

April	Dianna Shimkowski
May	Robin Summerfield
June	Jean Chirhart
July	Dot Holtz
August	Cindy Vining
September	Pam Johnson
October	Ginny Rich
November	Gwen Brown
December	Nanette Chuck

April Birthdays

Steve Vining	02
Phyllis Welsh	02
Dan McEachern	05
Cece DePaoli	07
Joyce Fanucchi	08
Sandy Groff	14
Gary Seavey	23
Tippi Grosman	26
Joy Ambra	28
Fritzie Amatite	30

April Anniversaries

Robinson, Roger & Judy	04
Chirhart, Michael & Jean	12
Groff, John & Sandy	14
Welsh Ron & Irene	23
Smith, Bob & Judy	28
Rich, Chris & Joan	29
Rich, Doug & Gale	29

Annual Safety Check and Pot luck



Every year for about 14 years now, Dave and Sherry Haase have opened their beautiful country home and property for our Safety Check and pot luck barbecue. We are welcomed with Gin Fizzes and breakfast donuts and pastries. Their great barn welcomes the Model T's for inspection and the tables for 60 members this year were all set and decorated with Sherry's special touch. The barbecue was going with Tri-tips and chicken breasts and REMTC folks brought sides and salads. Desserts were pies and cakes, and wonderful cupcakes home made by the Haase's granddaughter. "Maddy's Cakes" were delicious in assorted flavors.

Most all the years and models of T's were represented from 1912 to 1927. Terry Storm and his son arrived in a '26 Hot Rod Model T Roadster. Sebastian Ambra brought his 1950's Studebaker. After the inspection, we all sat down to a wonderful meal cooked to perfection by Ted Grosman and Gary Seavey, grill masters.

The rosters were available for each member to take and the rest will be mailed. President Steve Vining thanked the Haases' for all their good work over the years in providing this venue.

It was a lovely Spring day and we went home anxious for the tours to start. It is hard to believe that the Redwood Empire Model T Club will celebrate 25 years in 2015.

Special thanks to the Haase family for contributing so much to the Club.



Gary & Ted



Dick Winterhalter

Safety First!

This popular event kicks off our tour season with a safety check by volunteer Club members and we are thankful to Chris Rich and Ted Shimkowski, who are still nimble enough to crawl under 16 Model T's to find possible problems. This is no way negates the car owner's responsibility to keep his vehicle in safe running condition. The Safety Check just points out possible problems as listed on the MTFCA check sheet for tours. There were 26 Model T's that arrived for the day and 16 went through the safety check.



They didn't inspect this one!

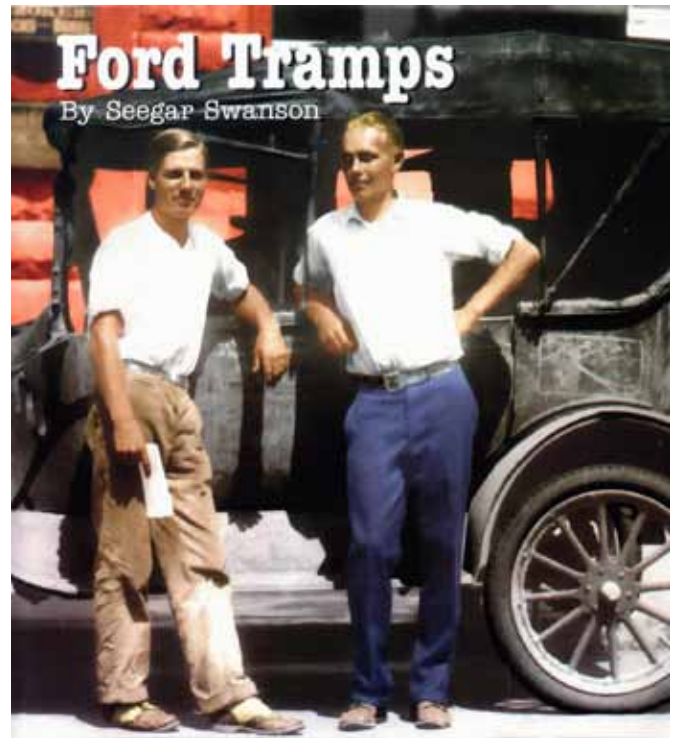


This speedster had the rear wheel loose on the axle shaft. Each member receives a check sheet for possible safety issues. If something poses an immediate risk, Ted and Chris will fix it with the permission of the owner as time allows.

Chris Rich and Ted Shimkowski were the safety mechanics for the day. See below for the 10 top safety issues they found.

10. Transmission ball cap not wired
9. ball cap on drag link loose
8. Steering shaft loose in frame mount
7. Spokes loose In wheels
6. Cracked spokes
5. Tires under inflated
4. E-Brake not holding
3. Fan belt loose
2. Rear wheels loose on axel shaft
1. Wishbone nuts at front axel loose

One other note: On 4 cars we found that the fuel line connectors were loose and leaking on the exhaust pipe. In all cases we fix this. .. Chris



“Ford Tramps”: A Book Report

By John Girman

This is the true story of two 20-year olds, who set out in 1924 to visit all four corners of the United States, as told by one of them, Seegar Swanson. They had begun working immediately after graduating from high school and were planning on attending college. However, they wanted to take an adventurous trip prior to going to college. The car they chose for the trip was, of course, a Model T.

This is a well-written book and the 339 pages go quickly due to its light and easy style. It is amply illustrated with photographs from the trip, receipts, maps and newspaper clippings. The book is especially enjoyable because it reflects the attitudes of the day regarding life in general and the Model T in particular. The most surprising thing was their cavalier attitude toward the trip. Previously, they had scarcely traveled outside of their home town of Ashland, WI. Neither could drive a car. Because they couldn't find an affordable car nearby, they traveled to Duluth, MN to buy a 1919 Model T Touring and had one of Seegar's cousins drive the car back home. The Model T cost \$125 and had a self-starter and a foot accelerator. They had friends test drive the car when they got back home and a local mechanic rigged a bed by modifying the back of the front seat for \$6. They left home in the Model T, now christened the Wanderlust, with only \$100, a lunch basket and a suitcase of clothes. They planned on camping most of the time and finding odd jobs as they went along. Seegar drove the first three or four days because Elliott Nystrom still hadn't even tried to drive the Model T until then! Talk about casual! They both had a lot of learning to do about driving and repairing the car. They stalled the car on the first hill they came to because they didn't know that you had to downshift. Later in Pennsylvania, they nearly killed themselves when they went down the first steep hill they encountered because they didn't know to pump the brakes and they didn't shift into low gear. After all, the sign at the top of the hill said shift into second before descending and they were already in second!

As you can tell, they had many adventures with Model T, people and places before they completed their journey to the four corner States: Maine; Florida; California; and Washington. This is a thoroughly enjoyable book and I recommend it to all of you. It is available from Amazon.com for \$23.95 to \$38.63 or you can simply borrow it from John & Patty Girman.

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