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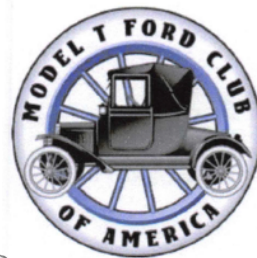
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Due to the virus, it is safer to stay inside and *rust* a while.
Soon we can take a ride in the sunshine and be restored to factory beauty.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How is the Corona Virus affecting REMTC? All events have been canceled through April 30th. There will be no *Safe-T-Check* this year. Since we all have time on our hands, you will find the Model T Safety Inspection Form in this newsletter for you to use as you do your own inspection.

The Press Democrat said the Welsh's memorial has been postponed. No date given. Our 30th Anniversary event has been moved to June 27th. We will update you with any other changes that occur in our next newsletter.

Other events throughout California have been canceled. I suggest you call ahead before you go. No one knows what actions our government will take after the 3 weeks are up. We'll just have to hope that we've done enough to turn back the expansion of this virus.

I know all of us are getting antsy to get out and drive our T's....Do it!!! I plan to do some driving, albeit by myself. I will consider it my fresh air exercise. Plus it's a great way to shake down your T after your Safety Check Inspection!!! Stay safe, stay healthy!! *Mike Chirhart*

PS: It's tax time. Quote of the Month: "Worries about an IRS audit? Avoid what's called a red flag. That's something the IRS always looks for. For example, let's say you have money left in your bank account after paying taxes. That's a red flag." **Jay Leno**

CHAPTER INFORMATION

The Pedal Pusher is a monthly publication of Redwood Empire Model T Club (REMTC)
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The Dues are \$30 a year for an individual or for a couple.

Students - no fee - includes only the emailed REMTC newsletter.

Charter members at age 85 - Honorary

The club holds a general meeting on the first Thursday of the month at the Round Table Pizza Restaurant's meeting room on Marlow Rd., in Santa Rosa.

Members and guests are welcome to attend.

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www.remtc.org

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Sunshine Reporter	Fran Faraudo
Membership	Ted Shimkowski
Librarian	Patty Girman
Webmaster	Steve Vining

March 5, 2020

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Redwood Empire Model T Club

at
Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, CA

President: Mike Chirhart called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Attendance: 37 people were in attendance with all board members and chairpersons present.

Secretary's Report: Jean Chirhart read the February meeting minutes with approvals from Steve Vining and a second by Jeanne Nelson.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Vining reported that our finances are in balance after all the membership renewals were in and the expenses were paid. This was approved by Andy Clary and a second by Dianna Shimkowski.

Tour Report: There were no new tours added, but the *Safe-T-Check* was changed from March 28th to April 4th. This was done so it did not conflict with the memorial service for Warren Welsh. The service will be held at Bridge Church, 301 Fulton Rd., Santa Rosa at 10:30 on the 28th. Weather permitting, drive your T's there.

Special Events: Chris Rich said the May tour will be May 9th not the 23rd as planned and we'll be going to Smith's Mt. St. Helena Trout Farm & Hatchery on Ida Clayton Rd. Everything is ready for the Overnight tour Aug. 13-16. Steve Cavalli mentioned the Golden Gate tour was free for those joining the Sonoma portion. Raffle tickets for the scholarship fund were on sale from John Girman for the 5 items brought in. Thanks everyone for the donations. Looks like it will be a success.

Sunshine Report: Fran Faraudo reported sending a card to the Welsh family and George Merrill.

Librarian Report: Patty Girman said the library was out of commission this last month, but did take over the Model T Times to our new members.

Webmaster: Steve Vining needed some help to get our picture section up and running. There are several events from last year up and new ones are in the top section.

Editor's Report: Nanette reported that she emailed 74 newsletters and mailed 17 newsletters. She completed and handed out the new Roster. It is a work of Art! Thank you.

Membership: Ted Shimkowski reported no new members but there was some interest shown on the website.

ANSWER ON NEXT PAGE

"YOU CAN DO ANYTHING IF YOU HAVE
ENTHUSIASM." *Henry Ford*



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Steve Vining

Cece DePaoli

Frank Burns

Jeff Stevenson

Tippi Grosman

Joy Ambra



I came across this photo of my great grandmother DiRito while going through my mother's photo albums. It seems that my love and passion for lacy vintage clothing is part of my DNA.

Submitted by Dianna Shimkowski

Answer to Cryptogram:

**THE ONLY REAL SECURITY THAT A MAN CAN HAVE IN
THIS WORLD IS A RESERVE OF KNOWLEDGE,
EXPERIENCE AND ABILITY.**

REMTC General Meeting for April has been cancelled

MEETING DESSERTS for 2020

*Please bring dessert for 40 people,
and if needed, bring paper plates and plastic forks.
If you can't make the meeting you have
signed-up for, please call a substitute.*

JANUARY 2nd - Jeannine Clary

FEBRUARY 6th - Fran Faraudo

MARCH 5th - Dianna Shimkowski

APRIL 2nd - Patty Girman

MAY 7th - Chris Rich

JUNE 4th - Gwen Brown

JULY 2nd - Betsy Randolph

AUGUST 6th - Pam Johnson

SEPTEMBER 3rd - Steve Cavalli

OCTOBER 1st - Robin Summerfield

NOVEMBER 5th - Fran Faraudo

DECEMBER 3rd - Donna Jones

Anniversaries

April

Mike & Jean Chirhart

April

Ron Welsh & Irene Turner

April

John & Cori Kelly

April

Bob & Judy Smith

THE RUNNING BOARD for 2020

Cancelled SAFE T CHECK Cancelled

Model T Safety Inspection Forms are on the last two pages of this newsletter so you can check your car yourself

Cancelled April 2nd general meeting at Round Table Pizza **Cancelled**

CANCELLED BAKERSFIELD SWAP MEET APRIL 16-18 **CANCELLED**

CANCELLED SANTA CLARA VALLEY MODEL T FORD CLUB EVENT JUNE 13-14 **CANCELLED**

SMITH'S MT. ST. HELENA TROUT FARM & HATCHERY

New Date May 9th **New Date**

MAY - APPLE VALLEY REHAB CENTER CAR SHOW DETAILS TO FOLLOW

REMTc 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

BBQ Games Ice Cream Social

at the Salomon's in Kenwood on **NEW DATE** - Saturday **June 27, 2020** - **NEW DATE** Sign-up sheet below

Golden Gate Tour 2.0

June 1st to June 6th, 2020 - Hosted by Steven Chase

Forestville Parade

Parade starts at **10 A.M.** so Bring candy to toss to children on **Saturday, June 6, 2020**

JUNE TOUR - HOSTED BY CLARY'S AND BROWN'S - IN PLANNING

KENWOOD 4TH of JULY PARADE

Kenwood Press for application - Pancake Breakfast **7 to 11 A.M.** so Decorate your car, the Parade starts at **10 A.M.**

Ladies Tea and Gentlemens Tour

GENTLEMEN: PENNGROVE POWER AND IMPLEMENT MUSEUM DISPLAY YOUR MODEL T AT 200 PHILLIPS DRIVE, PENNGROVE

July 11, 2020 MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON NATIONAL TOUR JULY 18-23 HOSTED BY THE INLAND EMPIRE MODEL T CLUB

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CAR SHOW

Hosted by Vince Gregoire - **July 18, 2020**

"No-Trailers, Overnight Tour"

Ukiah and surrounding areas for Thursday thru Sunday, **August 13 thru 16, 2020**

SEE OVERNIGHT TOUR FLYER BELOW

T & A TOUR - HOSTED BY SONOMA A'S - IN PLANNING

SEPTEMBER TOUR - HOSTED BY RANDOLPH'S & JOHNSON'S - IN PLANNING

OCTOBER FALL COLOR TOUR - HOSTED BY PETE RICH & CHRIS RICH - IN PLANNING

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT *The Villa* 5:30 P.M. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

OUT-SP^{KE}KE'N

Would you like to share your Model T memories? This newsletter would like to feature your story, which could include photos along with your written memories. Please email or mail your stories and photos to the editor. The following are topic ideas:

How did you first become interested in the Model T?

Did your grandparents own a T? Were they good drivers, and where did you go? Did you travel only in good weather?

Where did you purchase your first T, and how did you get it home? Have you ever purchased a "barn find" and restored it?

Have you had a bad experience getting restoration work done? Would you highly recommend a place to have work done? Or get it painted?

Have you ever built a T from pieces? Have you added aftermarket parts to a T?

Have you made a T into a special purpose by adding benches in a truck, or into a work vehicle such as mail truck, school bus?

Have you ever had a bad experience such as an accident or a close call?

Have you ever used or displayed your T in a special event exhibit or wedding?

What was your most memorable tour or experience with REMTC and why?

Do you have children or grandchildren who are interested in continuing your interest in the Model T?

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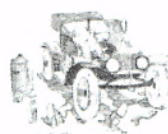
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MODEL T SAFETY INSPECTION FORM

As a participant on the _____ Tour, hosted by the _____ Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America, you are required to inspect your car prior to being admitted to the tour. Please check each of the following with a “√” for yes, “N” for no, or “NA” for not applicable. **Please bring this form to the tour and sign and date it at the start of the tour.**

Steering

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steering wheel has minimal (less than 2”) to no play _____ Acceptable wear and minimal to no play in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Radius rod (wish bone) to crankcase _____ ⇒ Ball arm (pitman arm) to steering gear connecting rod (drag link) _____ ⇒ Steering gear connecting rod (drag link) to yoke ball _____ ⇒ Spindle bolts (king pins) _____ ⇒ Spindle connecting rod (tie rod) bolts _____ Cotter key (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Radius rod (wish bone) to front axle perch (2 required) _____ ⇒ Steering gear bracket to frame (3 required) _____ ⇒ Ball arm (pitman arm to steering post (1 required) _____ ⇒ Steering gear connecting rod (drag link) to yoke ball (2 required) _____ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steering gear connecting rod (drag link) to steering gear ball (2 required) _____ Spindle connecting rod (tie rod) to spindles [2 (1 per spindle)] _____ Spindle bolts (king pins) [2(1/spindle)] _____ Spindle arms [2(1/spindle)] _____ Front spring hangers (shackles) [4 (2 per side)] _____ Front spring to frame [2 or 4 required, depending on year] _____ Yoke ball (1 required) _____ Safety-wire crankcase studs holding radius rod ball cap _____ Grease in steering gear case and steering gear bracket (also check gear post and pinion gears for wear) _____ Check for play in steering gear case to steering column (check rivets/taper pins) _____ Lock screw installed in quadrant _____ |
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Brakes

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brake pedal (and, reverse pedal) bottom out before reaching floorboards _____ Both rear wheels lock-up under hard braking _____ | <p><i>Note: Auxiliary brakes are highly recommended for stock cars and should be installed if car has an auxiliary transmission</i></p> |
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Emergency Brakes

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand brake sets securely before limit of its travel (check pawl and spring) and both rear wheels lock _____ <p><i>Note: The hand brake must be able to hold the car with the engine running and should be able to hold car on a moderate slope.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) Installed on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Control shaft assembly to frame (4 required) _____ ⇒ Brake shoe bolt [2 (1 per side)] _____ ⇒ Brake rods [4 (1 per end)] _____ |
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Engine/Power Train

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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"> ⇒ Carburetor rod [2 (1 per end)] _____ ⇒ Choke/carburetor adjustment rod [1 at carburetor] _____ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Commutator rod [2 (1 per end)] _____ ⇒ Crankcase arm to frame [4(2 per side)] _____ ⇒ Low speed connector [2 (1 per end)] _____ ⇒ Universal ball cap [2 (top bolts)] – bottom two cap screws safety-wired together) _____ ⇒ Fan bolt (on earlier cars) _____ |
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Wheels ⇒ Spokes (and felloes on earlier cars) are tight _____ ⇒ Front wheel bearings—no play, good condition and greased _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All wheels tight and axle/spindle nuts cotter-keyed _____ • Lug nuts tight on demountable rims _____ • Checked 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) _____ • Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed: ⇒ Rear spring to frame [4 required] _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rear spring hangers (shackles) [4 (2 per side)] _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Rear spring perches to wheel flanges (backing plates) [2 (1 per side)] _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ No oil leaks at outer seals _____ ⇒ Check differential gear case oil level _____
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lights functional _____ • Brake light (may not be original equipment, but recommended) _____ • Safety glass in windshield; all other, safety glass strongly recommended _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rear view mirrors(s) _____ • Fire extinguisher _____ • First Aid kit _____ • Current Car Registration _____ • Current Proof of Insurance _____

Vehicle Data
 Year _____ Body Style _____ Identification # _____ License Plate # _____

Insurance Information
 Company _____ Date of Expiration _____ Policy # _____

Waiver/Certification

In consideration of my being permitted to enter my vehicle on the subject tour and all of the related activities sponsored by the host chapter and the Model T Ford Club of America, I hereby certify that:

☐ I inspected my vehicle as noted herein and believe it to be roadworthy.

☐ I understand the inspection items/listings contained on this form are compiled from sources believed to be reliable but are not completely inclusive of all areas and items that should be checked or that could cause safety concerns. No warranty, guarantee or representation is made by the host club or the Model T Ford Club of America as to the absolute correctness or sufficiency of any representation contained in this listing and the host club and the Model T Ford Club of America assumes no responsibility in connection therewith, nor can it be assumed that all acceptable safety measures are contained in this listing or that inspection of other areas of the vehicle or additional accessories may be required under particular or exceptional condition or circumstances for safe operation.

☐ The vehicle is properly titled and registered, as required by the state of my residence.

☐ I certify that I have insurance coverage on the entered vehicle that covers my liability and physical damage as required in my state of residence.

I release and hold harmless the subject tour host chapter officers, directors and members and the Model T Ford Club of America officers, directors and members from any liability of any kind whatsoever as a result of any personal injury or property damage sustained by the undersigned.

OWNER/ENTRANT _____ DATE: _____

Received by: _____ DATE: _____