

# THE PEDAL PUSHER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**ZOOM! ZOOM! ZOOM!**

Well that seems to be the answer to how we are still do our meetings. On the positive side we have been able to have some of our members who live outside of the Santa Rosa area attend our meetings. That's been a definite plus. I know a lot of you are looking forward to the day we can get together at our regular meeting place...Round Table Pizza, but that is still a few months away.

Speaking of Round Table, I talked to them the other day and they are starting to let people dine in albeit at a 25% capacity. That would mean about 15 members max in our room. That's way below our usual 30 to 40. They are still holding our room for us and looking forward to the day when we can return. I will contact them on a monthly basis to get updates.

Until that time comes, we will continue as usual with ZOOM meetings. As the weather gets nicer and the days longer, I would like to go back to outdoor meetings....probably in June. We'll see how things work out.

### On another note!!

You should have noticed the beautiful 1912 Touring on the cover of last month's Pedal Pusher. Well, that 1912 now has a new home. Jean and I purchased it from John & Cori Kelly. The '12 is a "diamond in the rough." Everything is there, just needs to be updated. I've already started on the convertible top. had to replace one top bow (had fun laminating one up in my shop) and both top pads. The top itself is in good shape. Once I get everything back together, I'll take the whole top off, and store it, and then start on the body. I plan to do a total "body off" restoration, and do my best to come as close to the original as possible. I'm shooting for the Spring of 2022 for completion. Man!!! I love all that brass!!!!

With this car, we will be set with our Model T allocation.....I think!!!

*Mike Chirhart*

## 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.

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Charter members after 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.

### REMTC Website

[www.remtc.org](http://www.remtc.org)

## NATIONAL AFFILIATION

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## 2021 BOARD MEMBERS

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Secretary	Jean Chirhart
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Past-President	Andy Clary

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Newsletter Editor	Nanette Chuck
Historian	Jeanne Nelson
Sunshine Reporter	Dianna Shimkowski
Membership	Ted Shimkowski
Librarian	Patty Girman
Webmaster	Steve Vining

March 4, 2021  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Redwood Empire Model T Club**  
Held via ZOOM, Santa Rosa, California

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

**Attendance:** All board members and 5 out of 6 Chairpersons present plus 9 other members.

**Secretary's Report:** Jean Chirhart read the minutes of the Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was approved by Andy Clary and seconded by Steve Vining.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cindy Vining reported that 2 business ad payments came; and one member paid their dues through PayPal, and their dues will be carried over to next year. Expenses were for new member name tags. It was approved by Robin Summerfield and seconded by Jeannine Clary.

**Tour Report:** Larry Summerfield thanked Mike for the flash tour held Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Larry is planning a flash tour for May or June, but if you want to plan one, give him a call. There was talk about having a safety check meeting, but the discussion was put off to next month. It just isn't feasible yet to hold one.

**Special Events:** Steve Chase said to contact him if anyone was interested in tours outside of Santa Rosa. May 1<sup>st</sup> will be the Bakersfield Swap Meet in Tulare with the unloading and setup on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 9PM.

**Sunshine Report:** Dianna Shimkowski sent a card to Ted Grossman who had minor surgery. Steve Cavalli updated us on his upcoming surgery for his hip on March 25th. Andy Clary talked to Vince Gregoire about his surgery. Vince will need a pacemaker, but is doing well.

**Librarian Report:** Patty Girman had nothing to report.

**Webmaster Report:** Steve Vining said the debit card didn't work for paying for the web. They are working on why.

**Editor's Report:** Nanette Chuck was not present, but Richard said there wasn't anything new, and that Nanette appreciates all the articles.

**Membership Report:** Ted Shimkowski will try to deliver the new member packets in the next few weeks.

**Historian Report:** Jeanne Nelson needs pictures for the tours.

**Old Business:** The overnight tour may still be on. Steve Vining is taking it over, and will check on the businesses to see if they are still open before making a final decision.

**New Business:** None

**Model T Moments:** Mike Chirhart has a new car, purchased from John & Cory Kelly, a 1912 all brass touring. Steve Nelson has sold his pickup. He asked John Girman if the V-8 Club tour was happening. John said no. Dan McEachern mentioned a horseless carriage tour April 18th in Alameda. Andy Clary wanted to know if Dani had driven her car yet. She hopes to this weekend. Someone wanted to know if Andy had driven his car yet. He said he hadn't had time because he has been working every day.

**Adjourned at:** 7:48PM

Respectfully submitted by,

*Jean Chirhart*, REMTC Secretary



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Steve Vining

Cece DePaoli

Frank Burns

Jeff Stevenson

Tippi Grosman

Joy Ambra



*Mike & Jean Chirhart*

*Ron Welsh & Irene Turner*

*John & Cori Kelly*

*Bob & Judy Smith*

## In Memoriam

Earl Holtz, a beloved Charter Member of REMTC, passed away on March 25th. He was an active member, and a dear friend to the club, and will be greatly missed.

## Zoom Meeting Dates

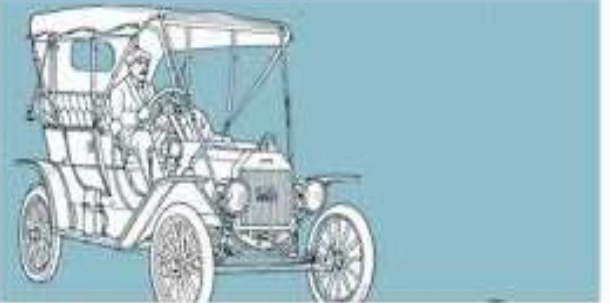
Members & Guests, Please join us

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FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>  
MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>

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JUNE 3rd  
JULY 1st  
AUGUST 5th  
SEPTEMBER 2nd  
OCTOBER 7th  
NOVEMBER 4th  
DECEMBER 2nd

"Any man who thinks he can be happy and prosperous by letting the government take care of him, better take a closer look at the American Indian." *Henry Ford*





*Malibu Tour*







# *Malibu Tour*







## *Flash Tour*

*by Mike Chirhart*

The first Flash tour of 2021 finally happened on February 27th. Ten cars showed up for the tour. The weather couldn't have been better -- warm sun, clear blue skies. We drove North and toured the Riebli Road area then headed East towards the foothills above Skyhawk finally turning South and ending up at Galvin Park by the Bennett Valley Golf course for lunch. After lunch, we drove out to Sonoma Mountain Road and enjoyed the views across the valley, then out to the foothills of Sebastopol where we ended our tour. What a way to end a great day of touring.

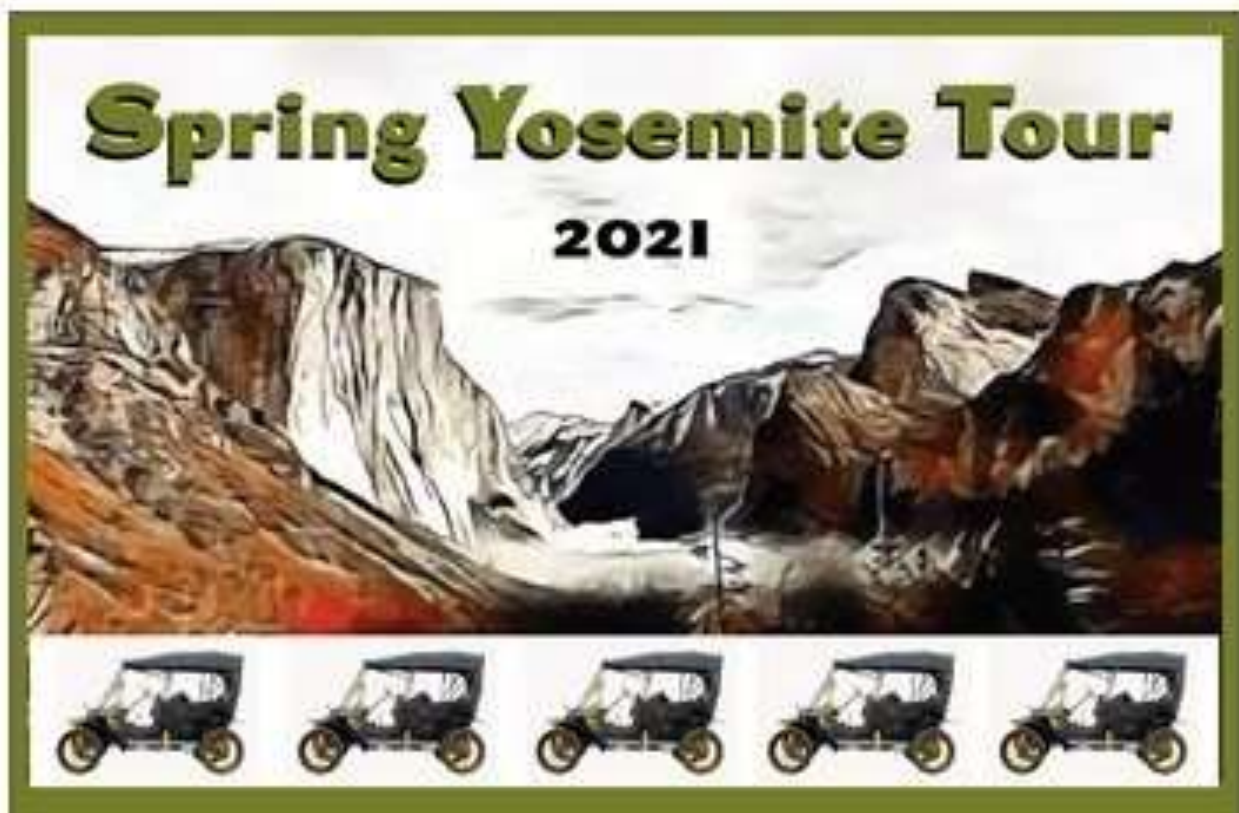




# Flash Tour







A three day Central California Model T tour is being put together for Sunday, May 2nd through Tuesday, May 4th.

The preliminary plan is as follows;

May 1, Bakersfield Swap Meet, Tulare, CA

May 2, Tulare-Visalia morning/lunch tour w/ local Ts and trailer 1.5 hr north to Best Western Oakhurst.

May 3, tour north into Yosemite Valley via highway 41 with logging road and Glacier Point detours (60 mi). Stay on the valley floor walking distance from the Ahwahnee Hotel, cocktails by the river, dinner at the Ahwahnee Hotel.

May 4, tour west-southwest via highway 140 (70mi) back to Best Western Oakhurst to retrieve our trucks and trailers.

May 5, Return home

Five heated cabin-tents at Curry Village Yosemite have been booked as well as reservations for 10 at the Ahwahnee Dining Room.

Cheers,  
*Steven Chase*





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