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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Redwood Empire Model Ters,

March was a busy month for our club. We had a tour earlier this month. While we had to postpone the tour by one day due to the weather forecast, many members showed up at the Washoe House for the tour. I wasn't able to attend the tour since Patty had knee replacement surgery that week but I heard good reports from several of those who did. Thanks to Steven Chase for organizing the tour.

Also, we had the Safety Check & Pot Luck at the Vining's. We had a good turn-out for that event as well. It was a great day and the food was terrific, as always. I saw several members that I hadn't seen for a while, including Con Faraudo. Con appeared to have healed well and was in his usual good spirits. Pete Rich was there also and appears to be healing well after his surgery. Steve and Cindy Vining had everything well organized and, as usual, Chris Rich did yeoman's work inspecting the condition of many of the club member's Model T's. As is his custom, Ted Grosman handled the grilling honors. Thanks to those folks and the many others who contributed to this important event.

Now, the Nelson's Pancake Breakfast is coming on April 9th. That's always a good event. Hope to see you there! Also, hope to see you at the next meeting. The Board has a couple of Standard Operating Procedures to present to the club, so don't miss the meeting.

John Girman

CHAPTER INFORMATION

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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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Redwood Empire Model T Club

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2022

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

President: John Girman called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Spoke for a moment about the club events for the current month. Including the “Under the Hood” clinic, the Sebastopol Museum event, and the visit to the 100 year old WWII Vet, Ed Wohlers, so he could ride in one of our cars.

Attendance: Twenty four members in attendance. All Board Members except Jeannine Clary were in attendance.

Secretary’s Report: Sandy O’Halloran (subbing for Jeannine Clary) read the Secretary’s report with one correction. Under Old Business John will contact Jeanne regarding the audit of the Treasury, and Patty will consult with Bill Newlin afterwards. The report was then approved by Dianna Shimkowski and seconded by Steve Vining.

Treasurer’s Report: Patty recapped the clubs’ finances, Scholarship fund, and petty cash. There are only 4 members that have not paid their dues. They have been notified by Patty.

Tour Report: Mike Chirhart reported on upcoming tours currently planned. For the month of March, there is a Flash Tour planned for March 19th to Dillon Beach; A Safety Check scheduled for the 26th at Steve and Cindy Vining’s. (May need to change due to weather.) Other tours coming up: April 9th, the Nelson’s Pancake Feed and tour; April 23rd - 24th Tulare Swap Meet; the Yosemite Tour is fully booked. May is open at this time; June 18th, we will have a cooker tour. July 4th, Kenwood parade. Stay tuned for more tours.

Special Events: Vince was absent. No report for this month.

Sunshine Report: Dianna reported no new sunshine to report.

Librarian Report: Sandy reported “still have books to borrow”.

Webmaster Report:

Editor’s Report: Nanette was absent. No report this month.

Membership Report: Ted reported no new membership this month.

Historian Report: Jeanne reported she was very happy to see all the pictures on the website. Thanks to all that downloaded them.

Scholarship Report: Andy reported the club got more money to add to the scholarship fund. Still need to decide where the monies will be granted. Discussion ensued. Andy will contact instructors in the 6 high schools with Auto Shop and report back to club.

Old Business: Continued the conversation about the scholarship fund. Stay tuned. Dianna discussed the Christmas dinner. She went to the Villa and was told they may not be open come Christmas time. She also spoke with Cattlemen’s. It is looking like dinner will be about \$75 to \$80 per person. A motion was made to go to Cattlemen’s for Christmas dinner, approved by Steve Vining, seconded by Mike Chirhart. Vote passed unanimously by club.

New Business: Steve Cavalli discussed a possible tour to Paoletti’s Winery July 16th. The winery will charge \$250 to close the tasting room for us. Then the tour would go to the Grist Mill which charges \$8 per person. Discussion continued. Final thoughts, there is a \$100 allotment for tours given by the club to member doing the tour. After that is up to each member as to what they want to do, cost wise.

Steve Vining brought up the question, where does the majority of the club money get spent. Answer, 50% goes to charitable donations. Discussion ensued. Board will meet and discuss the cap that should be placed on the amount given to charitable donations. They will tell the club at a later meeting.

Model T Moments: Meeting ran long, and we didn’t have a model T moment.

Dessert Provided by: Dianna Shimkowski

Adjourned at: 7:47pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandy O’Halloran, subbing for, Jeannine Clary REMTC Secretary

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Steve Vining

Cece DePaoli

Frank Burns

Tippi Grosman

Joy Ambra

GENERAL MEETING DESSERTS FOR 2022

PLEASE BRING DESSERT FOR 40 PEOPLE,
AND IF NEEDED, BRING PAPER PLATES AND PLASTIC
FORKS.

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE MEETING,
PLEASE CALL A SUBSTITUTE.

JANUARY 6TH -
FEBRUARY 3RD - JEANNINE CLARY
MARCH 3RD - DIANNA SHIMKOWSKI
APRIL 7TH - FRAN FARAUDO
MAY 5TH - SANDY O'HALLORAN
JUNE 2ND - JEAN CHIRHART
JULY 7TH - CYRUS ESTES
AUGUST 4TH - PAM JOHNSON
SEPTEMBER 1ST - SEBASTIAN AMBRA
OCTOBER 6TH - CINDY VINING
NOVEMBER 3RD - GWEN BROWN
DECEMBER - 1ST - PATTY GIRMAN



Mike & Jean Chirhart
Ron Welsh & Irene Turner

Bob & Judy Smith

In Memoriam

Phil Aaron passed on March 3rd, 2022.

He was a REMTC member since 1992,
and shared his Model T story
in the February 2020 Pedal Pusher Newsletter.

New books for the Library

Two books were donated to the REMTC library

Two Thousand Miles On An Automobile
by Arthur Jerome Eddy & Frank Verbeck

Call To Adventure by Aloha Wanderwell Baker

To read the new books, contact the REMTC Librarian
(current Librarian is listed above under *Chairpersons*).

The whole secret of a successful life is to find out
what is one's destiny to do, and when to do it . . .
Henry Ford



Borrego Springs Tour

Steven Chase on tour
in the speedster
he bought from Warren Welsh



SAFE-T-CHECK

March 26, 2022

By Sebastian Ambra

It's been awhile since the club safety check could be held. The weather was nearly perfect to wake up the old Ford and ramble out in the country west of Sebastopol.

The event was attended by over 30 club members who spent time visiting with each other and catching up. The Vining's graciously opened their home and garage for the day. Lunch was set out on their patio overlooking a beautiful vineyard as the backdrop for an outstanding meal. The tri-tip and chicken was cooked perfectly and was accompanied by many side dishes. Thanks to the cooks and all who added the side dishes and desserts.

The actual safety check was conducted by Chris Rich who expertly went over all the known areas for attention. Approximately 8 vehicles were inspected and all the while Chris would explain the problem and needed remedy . . . (cotter pins are the Ford's friend . . . and yours!) Right on time, Chris finished the last vehicle just as lunch was ready. Perfect timing!

Thanks to everyone who attended...it was a terrific day.



Sebastopol

West County Museum Display

By Linda Salomon

The Sebastopol West County Museum Saturday, February 26th flash tour set up by Steve Vining, Steve DePauli and Larry Summerfield drew many members to rally to the museum for an opportunity to jaunt out and, for a few hours, show off their cars and enjoy in conversation with locals about their vintage cars. The museum offered a private collection of treasured automobile memorabilia and a picture window peek into Sebastopol's past and local history that brought back many memories for some of our members who lived and grew up in the community.



In addition to the automobile memorabilia collection, the display offered wonderful picture windows into the past of local long-gone businesses and gas stations that dotted the community. Growing up in the area, Larry Summerfield remembered working at a local gas station, as well as the fellows he grew up with, that worked at most (if not all) of the other gas stations in Sebastopol. Gwen and Mal Brown, long-time residents of the community, remember when the railroad went down Main Street in front of the train station that is now the West County Museum, and living near by, Gwen lamented that when the train would come through it would blow it's whistle really loud and wake the children from their naps. A definite fury for every Mother! There are no signs now of the train tracks down Main Street and much of the history is now in pictures and in the memories of a few.

A little bit of additional local history, a few members enjoyed a delightful lunch at the Hop Monk Restaurant behind the museum and John Girman learned that the building the Hop Monk Restaurant is in was the power station that ran the electric railroad from Liberty to Forestville. Who knew?

Model T's on display included the DePaoli's 1925 Stake Bed Truck; the Vining's 1926 Roadster Pick-up; the Brown's 1926 Touring; the Girman's 1923 Touring; the O'Halloran's 1915 Touring; the Clary's 1914 Runabout; the Summerfield's 1922 Runabout; and the Cavalli's 1925 Touring.

Exhibits at the museum change frequently and if you want to see more, the West County Museum is open on Saturday and Sunday, 11 am-2pm and this "Classy Cars and Their Care" exhibit will be around through the end of March.

<https://www.wschs.org/museum/>



SEBASTOPOL WEST COUNTY MUSEUM DISPLAY



Elephant Rock Tour

March 20, 2022
Hosted by Steven Chase

By Jeannine Clary

Sunday morning required a warm jacket, gloves, hat and maybe a blanket if you were in the back of a touring car, but the sky was clear it was the first day of spring and calling for us to tour. This morning started at the Washoe House on Roblar Road where Model T participants had met up with Horseless Carriage participants that we hadn't had an opportunity to visit with in several years. Visiting with everyone was a lot of fun and a great start to a wonderful day. John Girman, Steve Vining, Mike Chirhart and Steve DePaoli arrived to visit and see us off.

Tour participants were:

Mal & Gwen Brown in their modern car
Steve Cavalli & friend Allan in his 1925 Touring
Steven Chase & Donna Jones in his 1912 Warren Speedster
Andy & Jeannine Clary in their 1914 Runabout
Dan, Mary & Dani McEachern in their 1914 Touring
Steve & Jeanne Nelson in their 1924 Roadster
Pat & Sandy O'Halloran in their 1915 Touring
Chris Rich & Joan Henderson in their 1918 Touring
Larry & Robin Summerfield in their 1922 Roadster
John Pierson, Vicki Porter & Linda Eggleston in John's 1909 Buick
Wayne & Kim Simone in their 1911 Model T Torpedo
Bill & Cinda Craven in their 1928 Model A Coupe
Jim Flint in his 1931 Buick
John Padlo in his 1926 Tudor

After everyone had their fill of donuts and or breakfast at the Washoe House, Steven began the drivers meeting and we began the tour shortly after.

We bundled up and departed the Washoe House about 9:30 (I think) heading west on Roblar Rd toward Fallon Two Rock Rd. We couldn't believe what a beautiful day this would be. The hills grasses were fresh and green, the trees had newly budding leaves. As we travel along, we passed many farms with grazing cattle with baby calves, sheep with baby lambs, donkeys, Lamas, Ducks and I'm sure others I'm not mentioning. Our back country is so beautiful and full of life, touring is the best way to appreciate all our North Bay has to offer. We continued on to Elephant Rocks Overlook where we spent some time enjoying the spectacular view and did our best to take a group photo. We continued on to Pt. Reyes Station for a rest and fuel stop if needed. After our stop, we continued on to our lunch stop at the Rancho Nicasio Restaurant where we were able to dine outside in a parklike setting. Some orders consisted of Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Fish Tacos, BLTs & breakfast items where everything was tasty.

We departed our lunch stop and started our return trip. We drove on Pt Reyes-Petaluma Rd. to Hicks Valley Road and turned on to Wilson Hill Road which had a spectacular view of the Marin County valley at the top of the hill. We continued to Chileno Valley Rd., Tomales-Petaluma Rd., Bodega Hwy, and Pepper Rd. to Mecham Rd. back to the Washoe House and enjoyed all the farming communities we passed along the way.

Today was a day where everyone who joined this tour had a great day. The weather was cold and beautiful. The people were enjoying each other's company and having a wonderful time.

Thank you, Steven, for putting on a most enjoyable tour.



NELSON PANCAKE BREAKFAST

APRIL 9, 2022

TIME: 9:00 am

PLACE: 320 Liberty Road
Petaluma, Ca

FOOD: Pancakes, sausage, ham,
juices, fruit
and more

There will be a short tour after breakfast.

This is the time to come and have fun,
food and friends!!!

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Model "T" trailer, Light weight, 2-wheel, needs minimal work. \$250.00

Richard Chuck. (707) 708-1618

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Flat tube style. \$700.

Jack Mulkey 707-479-8990

or

sharkey@digitalpath.net

FOR SALE

Dick Winterhalder's **1913 Speedster** is For Sale.
Click on the MTFCA Forum link below for pictures and more information.

<https://www.mtfca.com/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=4&t=26037>

I will discount it \$500.00 for any REMTC member in good standing.

Steven Chase

FOR SALE

1924 Touring for sale
Ruckstell rear end. Rocky Mountain brakes. Project car. \$4500 obo.
Call George 707 888 8022.

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April 24 -- 26

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