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Redwood Empire Model Ters,

Andy Clary gave a really informative garage talk on the Model T ignition system this past month. He included some theory about the system as well as hands-on demonstrations of coil testing. As was true of all the garage talks this year, it was well attended. We've covered a range of subjects from the transmission, oil and the ignition system. I've especially enjoyed the questions and discussions at these talks. Our members have a wealth of information about Model T's and it's good to see it shared. Thanks to Andy and Jeannine Clary for hosting this event.

Also, at the talk, I met our newest member, Jimmy Long. He has a 1917 Hack. Jimmy, welcome to the Redwood Empire Model T Club. It's great that you've already attended one of the club's events. We're looking forward to seeing you at more events.

And, speaking of events, our next event is the Safety Check and Pancake Breakfast hosted by Steve and Jeanne Nelson. You have most of April to get your Model T in shape for touring and then have it checked out. For the newer members, even if your Model T is not on the road, please plan on attending. You can learn a lot about Model T's by watching the cars being checked out during the safety check. I can assure you that the pancake breakfast will not disappoint and seeing the Nelson's unique place is worth the trip alone.

Looking forward to seeing you at the safety check and breakfast as well as the monthly meeting.

John Girman

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 family in the same household.

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

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.

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Redwood Empire Model T Club

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2023

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

Attendance: 28 members in attendance.

President: John Girman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Secretary's Report: Sandy O'Halloran read the Old and New Business for February 2023. There was one correction to last month's minutes. Steve Nelson not Pete Rich shared that Bill Harm has a 1917 Roadster for sale \$9500. Motion to accept was made by Pete Rich and seconded by Steve Vining. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Girman shared the monthly Treasurer's report.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski was absent with an eye issue. However, Ted said she sent a card to Steve Cavalli.

Tour Report: Mike Chirhart was absent. Mar 18th is Garage Day at Andy Clary's house. The topic is ignitions. Before the event there will be a shoebox auction.

Librarian's Report: Jeannine Clary shared we still have the library. A discussion followed. Andy Clary made a motion to no longer have the totable library. It was seconded by George Merrill. Motion carried. The totable library will be available to members at the Garage Day at Andy Clary's house.

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining said all is well with the website. Something is new, did anyone notice? It's the front page has a backdrop of a road.

Editor's Report: John Girman reported the new Rosters are up-to-date and distributed to members present at this meeting. Nanette and Richard Chuck did a wonderful job. Much appreciated by the club.

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski reported no new members this month. He did get the new member packet out to our latest new members.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson was absent. Steve Nelson did bring the 2022 album for the members present at this meeting to see.

Scholarship Report: Mr. Jim Rawley's (Auto Shop teacher from Casa Grande High School) was presented a check for \$500 from the scholarship fund. He thanked us and said it would be used to purchase needed tools. He said there are currently 164 students in the auto shop program at his school. There will be a Car Show on May 26th and hopefully we will be able to have a few of our members bring cars to the show. Pictures were taken.

Old Business: Steve Nelson said he gave the condolence check in Lloyd Butler's name to Petaluma School. Steve Vining said thank you to John Girman for the "Under the Hood" presentation on "Oil and the Model T". Nineteen members attended and it was very good. Sandy O'Halloran shared that the National Club has accepted our Roster and will be sending our insurance policy the end of March. John Girman also spoke to the National Club and his name will be updated on their records. And the pictures from the Wohler Bridge celebration is in the works to be put in the Vintage Ford magazine.

New Business: Steve Nelson shared that he has been working on clearing out some of Lloyd Butler's things since his passing. His 22 Roadster is for sale. Other items are for sale too. Please give Steve Nelson a call if interested. (707)795-8002.

Model T Moments: We had a trivia quiz for our Model T moment. No prize for table with the most correct answers but fun none the less. 10 questions, ranging from "What year was the Redwood Empire Model T Club established? Answer: 1990 to Where is the MTFCA 2024 National Tour going to be held? Answer: San Diego.

Dessert Provided by: Bob & Stella Dunne

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Andy Clary, 2nd by Tim McCallister, motion carried. Adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Sandy O'Halloran, REMTC Secretary



APRIL
BIRTHDAYS



Jimmy & Tracy Long

Mike & Jean Chirhart

Bob & Judy Smith

Ron Welsh & Irene Turner

Joy Ambra

Frank Burns

Cece DePaoli

Steve Vining

Tippi Grosman

Dodge Riedy

Dan McEachern

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Member
Jimmy & Tracy Long

James Harris is correcting his Street name spelling from Valley Lane **to: Val Lee Lane**

Don Johnson is correcting his phone numbers. His cell phone and his Home phone are reversed.

**REPAIRS and RESTORATION
Get well**

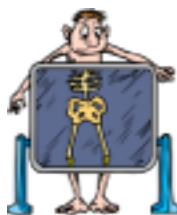


Cards were sent to:

'Thinking of You' to Steven Cavalli

'Get Well' to Jack Mulkey

Hope your eye is better Dianna Shimkowski !



**GENERAL MEETING DESSERTS
FOR 2023**

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 5TH - - - Jeannine Clary
- FEBRUARY 2ND - - Donna Jones
- MARCH 2ND - - - - Bob and Stella Dunne
- APRIL 6TH - - - - - Dianna Shimkowski
- MAY 4TH - - - - - Jean Chirhart
- JUNE 1ST - - - - - Linda and Bob Salomon
- JULY 6TH - - - - - Tim and Teresa McCallister
- AUGUST 3RD - - - - Sebastian Ambra
- SEPTEMBER 7TH - Sandy O'Halloran
- OCTOBER 5TH - - - Cindy Vining
- NOVEMBER 2ND - - Pam Johnson
- DECEMBER 7TH - - Patty Girman

THE RUNNING BOARD

JANUARY

Under the Hood - Transmissions

was By Pete Rich

FEBRUARY - 25th

Under the Hood - "OIL & The Model T: Tribology & You"

was Presented by John Girman

MARCH 18th

Garage Day for Members - Ignition Tune Up

was Hosted and Presented by Andy Clary

APRIL

14th - Tulare Swap Meet

22nd - **Safety Check** and **Nelson's Pancake Breakfast**

8:30 a.m.

Hosted by Steve and Jeanne Nelson, 320 Liberty Rd., Petaluma

May

13th - **Wine Country Later Spring Tour**

Hosted by Dave Stoneberg

JUNE

Cooker Tour Ragle Ranch Park, Sebastopol

Hosted by: Your Name Here. 707-545-5883

JULY

4th of July Parade in Kenwood or Penngrove 4th of July Parade

Newbie Inaugural Tour

Hosted by: Mike Chirhart and New Club Members. 707-545-5883

AUGUST

Sun to Fog Tour

Hosted by Mike & Jean Chirhart, 3885 Holland Dr., Santa Rosa

SEPTEMBER

New Grass Tour

Hosted by Vince O'Brien

24th to 27th - Overnight Delta Tour

OCTOBER

T & A Tour Call to Volunteer: 707-545-5883

NOVEMBER

RAIN OR SHINE TOUR Call to Volunteer 707-545-5883

DECEMBER 10th

10th - Christmas Dinner at Cattleman's in Petaluma

2023 Winter Renegade Tour

Super Bowl Sunday, Reagan Presidential Library, Malibu Beach, A Most Unique Car Collection

What began as *The 2023 Winter Renegade Tour* by Steven Chase that usually entails a museum, an old car collection, and steep mountainous inclines and declines, this had all that. Additionally, this tour also had a visit to a very special library, a different kind of collection. It was the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in the Simi Valley. We pretty much had the whole place to ourselves because it was Super Bowl Sunday. At each room and display, we were greeted by some very dedicated docents, appearing to some as if it were their last calling. It is estimated that over one hundred docents donate their time. Each exhibition, display, and room was explained in revered detail that honored this past president. We toured an exact replica of the Oval Office which had an exact reproduction of the desk that still occupies the Oval Office. The tour included all aspects of his life from his birth, to movie career, to president, to retirement at his ranch.

Scattered throughout were his favorite quotes by famous people:

Patrick Henry: “Those who expect to reap the blessing of freedom must undertake to support it.”

Thomas Jefferson: “It is in the natural course of events that liberty recedes and government grows.”

Winston Churchill: “It is not enough that we do our best; sometimes we have to do what’s required.”

Ronald Reagan: “Are you better off than you were four years ago?”

“Our problem is a permanent structure of government
insulates from the thinking and wishes of the people.”

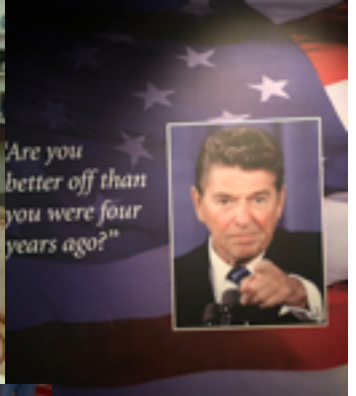
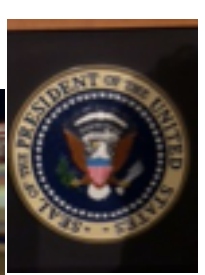
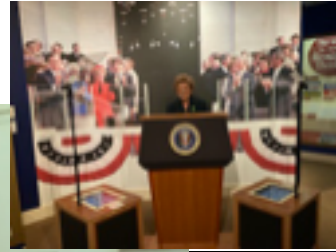
Then we got to walk through the presidential helicopter and Air Force One, a 707 at that time. Many of us had our photos taken at the plane and the helicopter and they even photo-shopped us standing behind the fashionably dated presidential desk in the Oval Office.

After a brief lunch at *The Gipper Café*, we all drove our cars to *Chili’s Restaurant* in Thousand Oaks to watch the Super Bowl. Naturally, we all ordered more food and drinks, and this was accompanied by an inordinate amount of betting. However, only a small amount of wagering was about the outcome of the game, surprisingly most of the betting was about who would be repulsed the most by the half-time show.

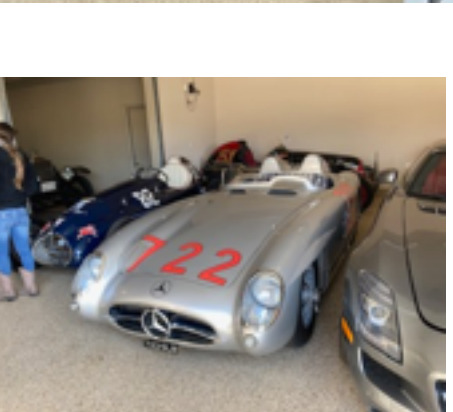
The following day our destination was Malibu’s *Paradise Cove Beach Café* with many tables situated on the sand. On our way there we took a side loop through the small nestled community of Lake Sherwood. In the early 1920’s this area was transformed into Sherwood Forest for the filming of Robin Hood, featuring Douglas Fairbanks. It has currently become an upscale gated community with a country club, that at one time, had Sean Connery as its member.

Continues after photos...

2023 Winter Renegade Tour



Regan Library Photos
by
Jim Papakostas



2023 Winter Renegade Tour

The next leg of our journey entailed traversing the very steep and winding Latigo Canyon Road. There was an interspersing of very expensive homes which were somehow securely attached to the canyon walls. Our instructions required us to keep a very long and safe distance from the car ahead using only low band...we didn't want a Thelma and Louise ending! We all arrived safely and lined the cars up for a group photo.

After lunch, we were fortunate to witness the launching of a new Doggie Bag Delivery System. This new system was designed to compete with Amazon's Drone Delivery System. The Doggie Bag DS inventor will remain anonymous because it has not been introduced to the general public yet. (We all had to sign a non-disclosure agreement in order to witness the launch.) The inventor, a major player in the World of High Tech, said the system was powered by the contents of the Doggie Bag, and if the feather-lite propulsion device is compatible with the contents it will add miles to the delivery range. This propulsion device is common to the Malibu Beach area and its attorneys are currently in negotiations with the inventor before the initial stock IPO. The inventor believes that his Doggie Bag DS is not only ready for take-off, but the sky's the limit. He has assured us that this is not a fly-by-night enterprise. His final concern is that his propulsion devices do not do like Icarus and fly too close to the sun. Also, unlike Henry Ford's early cars, they come in black, white and grey colors. We then regrouped and returned back, not necessarily all together, by way of Encinal Canyon Road, Decker Canyon, and Mulholland Way. Awaiting us at *The La Quinta Inn & Suites* was our poolside Rusty Water Model T Margarita Bar. Many were able to meet and enjoy new acquaintances and share interests we had in common...other than cars... that would connect us well beyond this tour.

The morning of our final day introduced us to a portion of The Cerveny Car Collection---an amazing collection of Happy Days America and some of the rarest foreign cars ever to be brought to the U.S. It was a collection that would remind many of the guys of the days when they wore a younger man's clothes. This collection (valued at \$46 million) is not open to the public, but we were able to see it through a member of the Horseless Carriage Club of Southern California who knew the owner. Rather than attempt to name and describe all of the vehicles which this writer is unable to do, as many photos as possible are included and will be printed at the discretion of the newsletter editor. Interestingly enough, the owner asked us not to reveal the location of the ranch and orchards where the collection is housed.

Leaving the collection, we wound through the orchards and made our way via the Camarillo Ranch Road to the *Del Rey Cantina* for our final banquet. The purpose of the banquet was to give out two awards and have a last meal together. Winner #1 Coolest Driver was Ron Lambrecht for supplying the Rusty Water Model T Margarita Bar for our poolside socials each evening at the hotel. The #2 Coolest Driver was Carson Combs, age 15, for bringing his whole family from Las Vegas to the tour...which he drove in its entirety.

Most of us come for the cars, but we stay for the people. Oh, did I mention the "winter" rate for the rooms was only \$89 per night.?

Thanks Steven.

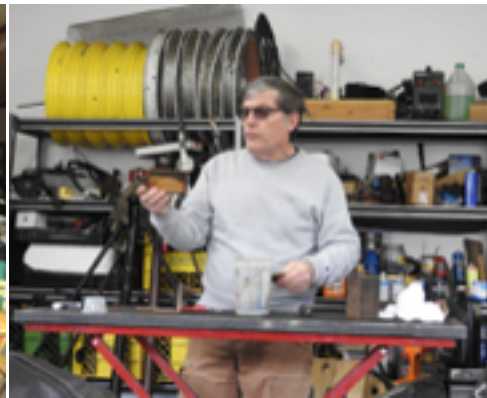
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Photos By Ted Shimkowski



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