

# THE PEDAL PUSHER

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*August*  
*2021*

A freshly restored 1910 Model T Touring. This tour was it's first...*Steven Cavalli*

This 1910 Touring was the prettiest and most valuable T on the Washington National Tour. Of the 140 cars there, it was allowed exclusive parking just outside the casino entrance.

*Steven Chase*



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July 1<sup>st</sup> was our first NORMAL meeting in 16 months at Round Table Pizza. We had 30 of our members show up. It was a very upbeat crowd. Everyone was happy to see their friends in person and catch up on what's been going on in their lives.

July 10<sup>th</sup> several of our members participated in the Pennngrove Power and Implement Museum's annual show. This is the only time the museum opens up its doors to the general public. It's quite an impressive place showcasing the vintage steam powered machines which helped expand our economy at the turn of the century. The people running the museum took great pride in running these huge machines.

July 24<sup>th</sup> Andy and Jeannine Clary hosted a nice tour. There were 9 model T's present but the group acted like there were 90. We had a great time on this tour, ending up at Spring Lake, where we had a picnic lunch and an ice cream social. Had great weather...great conversations...and a really fun time with the group.

August looks to be more of the same. We start with our NORMAL meeting at Round Table Pizza on August 5<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, we plan to re-start the auction to raise monies for our scholarship fund so if you have anything you would like to donate for the auction please bring it on in. On August 7, we will have our Coast (Ukiah warm-up) tour to shake out any bugs in our "buggies." Of course, we must not forget the "crème de la crème" of tours this month, the overnigher Ukiah (no-trailers) tour from August 26<sup>th</sup> though the 29<sup>th</sup>. It does look like things are getting back to Normal. So polish up the old Tin Lizzy, check the oil, kick the tires, and fire it up for touring. See you all next month. *Mike Chirhart*

### 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.

**REMTC Website**  
[www.remtc.org](http://www.remtc.org)

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1999 – Ron Mazzucchi  
2000 – Gwen Brown  
2001 – Don Fluit  
2003 – George Jones  
2007 – Steve Nelson  
2008 – Jeannine Clary  
2009, 2010 – Bill Newlin  
2002, 2004, 2012 – Chris Rich  
2013, 2014 – Steve Vining  
2015, 2016 – Richard Chuck  
2017 – Don Johnson  
2005, 2006, 2011, 2018, 2019 – Andy Clary  
2020, 2021 – Mike Chirhart

July 01, 2021

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Redwood Empire Model T Club  
Held at the Round Table Pizza, Santa Rosa, CA

**President:** Mike Chirhart called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**Attendance:** There were 30 people in attendance including all board members and all but one chairperson.

**Secretary's Report:** Jean Chirhart read the minutes of the June 3 meeting. There were 2 corrections: in Old Business, Cyrus had wheels but NEEDED bearings. In New Business, Steve Cavalli had four - 30x3 inch TIRES not rims. Motions to approve were made by Dianna Shimkowski and seconded by Steve Vining: It was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cindy Vining said that there was no income but expenses were for stamps, and for the pizza from last month's meeting. Motions to approve the minutes were made by Jeannine and Andy Clary. All approved.

**Tour Report:** Larry Summerfield said that several tours have been established. Andy Clary will host one on July 24<sup>th</sup>. The Penngrove Power and Implement Museum show will be July 10, and many of our members will be there, plus some of the Corvette Club members. Aug. 7 will be a Coast Tour hosted by Mike Chirhart. Our overnight Trailer-less tour to Ukiah and back will be Aug. 26-29. Steve Vining is in need of a trouble truck driver! Sept. is open and Steve Nelson will plan an October fest tour. Steven Chase talked about the Bakersfield swap meet being in Tulare and planning a trip prior to that from Oakhurst to Yosemite and back and ending up at the swap meet and the Central Valley Horseless club tour. This is taking place April 17 -24, 2022.

**Special Events:** Jean Chirhart and Dianna Shimkowski are planning the Christmas Party for Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at The Villa.

**Sunshine Report:** Dianna Shimkowski mentioned Joan Gregoire had surgery, which wasn't major, and is doing well.

**Librarian Report:** Patty Girman brought in "Coast to Coast" and "By Motor to the Golden Gate" books from the REMTC Library in case someone wanted an interesting read for the summer.

**Webmaster Report:** Steve Vining said there was nothing new to report, but that he would update the calendar. Jeanne Nelson had trouble getting a page in the Pedal Pusher to show up and print so she went to the website and was able to print it from there! That is useful to know.

**Editor's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Membership Report:** Ted Shimkowski reported we have a new member: Jordan Satrap from Novato. Jordan saw Pete's ad on the website and has taken his 1914 four door Touring to him. While there Pete suggested he join our club and so he did!

**Historian Report:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** The monthly dessert sign-up list was passed around. John Girman discussed the raffle that will begin again next month for the scholarship fund. Bring items. Possible 5 things per meeting with a jar set in front of each for the raffle tickets -one for \$1, and six for \$5. The drawing will take place at the end of our meetings when the dessert is being served.

**New Business:** It was discussed that the best way to have new member information given to all would be for Nanette to give that in the base of her email when sending out the Pedal Pusher. There was a long discussion about when and what other clubs to invite to our tours. It was agreed that no modern cars, and at times, Model A's and/or Horseless Carriages would be fine, but that they should be in on the planning of the tour. The president of the Santa Clara Club had shown interest in our Ukiah tour. It was decided to revisit the topic in a few months.

**Model T Moments:** Mike Chirhart shared that when taking apart the strip sill on the door on his 1912 Touring he found writing from a previous owner named Dr. Bob Bruner, dated 1992. His daughter (Cori Bruner Kelly who had read about it in the newsletter) contacted Mike & he told her he planned to add his own name and date to it when it went back on. He will paint the car Balsa Green. Andy Clary reminded everyone to check their Axel Nuts before driving - Steve Cavalli knows what happens when you don't!

**Dessert provided by:** Dianna Shimkowski

**Adjourned at:** 8:02

Respectfully submitted by,  
*Jean Chirhart*  
REMTC Secretary

## SAVE THE DATE

TRAILER-LESS OVERNIGHTER TOUR  
AUGUST 26TH THROUGH 29TH, 2021

HOSTS: STEVE & CINDY VINING

more information [see flyer in this newsletter](#)

## Welcome New Member Jordan Satrap 1911 Touring



## 2021 Meeting Dates

### MEMBERS & GUESTS, PLEASE JOIN US

JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> – ZOOM

FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup> - ZOOM

MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> - ZOOM

APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> - ZOOM

MAY 6<sup>th</sup> - ZOOM

JUNE 3 – Chirhart's yard -; REMTC provided pizza

JULY 1<sup>st</sup> – Round Table Pizza, -- dessert Dianna Shimkowski

**AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> – Round Table Pizza - dessert: Jeannie Clary**

**If you haven't had your COVID vaccinations,  
a mask is required.**

SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> dessert: Chris Rich

OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> – dessert: Pam Johnson

NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> – dessert: Gwen Brown

DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> – dessert: Patty Girman

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Steve DePaoli – 1

Bob Smith – 2

Clare Pearson – 6

Cheryl Caldwell – 8

Barbara Morrison – 8

Amy Buegeleisen -10

Sebastian Ambra – 11

Dave Haase – 12

Larry Summerfield – 13

Terry Storm – 14

Leslie Konvalinka – 15

John Avakian – 16

Peter Stoneberg – 16

Gail Sharpsteen – 16

Jeanne Nelson – 18

Bill Harm – 19

Don Johnson – 20

Jeannine Clary – 23

Mike Chirhart – 25

Judy Konvalinka – 26

Fred Joosse – 26

Mike Buegeleisen – 27

Linda Solomon – 28

Irene Turner – 30



## **COAST (Ukiah warm-up) TOUR**

**Saturday August 7, 2021**

Please meet at the North part of the Raley's Market Center parking lot on Guerneville and Fulton Road  
at **9:30 AM**

We'll leave around 10:00 AM  
for a nice drive over to the coast  
ending up at Valley Ford for lunch.

## **2021 OTHER'S EVENTS CALENDAR**

### **AUGUST**

#### **Gatsby Tea Event**

15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 *has been postponed to*  
13<sup>th</sup> August 2022 all day free event  
Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe  
530-544-7383 or [info@tahoeheritage.org](mailto:info@tahoeheritage.org)

### **SEPTEMBER**

The Art Deco Society of California Presents

#### **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Gatsby Summer Afternoon**

12<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 1 PM – 6 PM

2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA

Non Members \$65, Youth (12-17) \$25, under 12 free

All guests are asked to wear a reasonable day wear facsimile of the era.

No tickets at the door. Bring a picnic lunch.

If interested, email me and I will send you the detailed information.

[4RNetMail@comcast.net](mailto:4RNetMail@comcast.net)

#### **Antique Autos in History Park**

19<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 11AM – 4PM

Kelly Park, 635 Phelan Ave, San Jose, CA

Adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$5, under 6 free

Peder Jorgensen [pederjorgensen51@gmail.com](mailto:pederjorgensen51@gmail.com)

Or 408-358-3398

*It has been more than a decade  
since we have had a no-trailers tour!*

# TRAILER-LESS TOUR

*Trouble Truck will be provided*

**Thursday, August 26, 2021  
thru  
Sunday, August 29, 2021**

**Day 1:**

Meet 9:30 a.m. at Tom Schopplen Fields Park, 4351 Old Redwood Hwy.,  
(right across the street from Cardinal Newman High School).  
Leave at 10 a.m. and travel on Old Redwood Highway and Highway 128 to Geyserville for lunch.  
After lunch, we will continue to Ukiah (they are revitalizing the downtown area.  
Many nice places to check out including the Ukiah Brewing Company).  
For dinner, we will drive over to the BeBop Diner, only about 4 blocks.

**Day 2:**

Tour to Mendocino thru some beautiful back roads. You can walk around the coastal town.  
Lunch will be on your own today.  
Tour back to Ukiah, possibly the same route back or maybe a different route.  
Dinner is also on your own. We will provide a list of restaurants.

**Day 3:**

We have several options on what to do this day. It depends on what restrictions are in place at the time.  
We may go to a couple of local museums or put on, or join, a car show.  
Lunch will be on your own.  
Our end-of-the-event banquet will take place this evening.  
***Vintage dress encouraged for the banquet.***

**Day 4:**

Leave the Hampton hotel around 10 a.m., stop for lunch along the way, and then head home.

**We will be staying at:**

The Hampton hotel in Ukiah (hot breakfast and WIFI is included)  
707-462-6555

Use code: "Redwood Empire Model T." Our group rate is \$155 per night.  
Don't get discouraged; it takes a while to get thru the process.

**The tour cost will be:**

\$150 for a driver, and \$130 for a passenger.

***Please send payment to:***

Cindy Vining, 7880 Sanders Lane, Sebastopol, CA 95472



Leaving California: A few hours earlier the road had reopened. We passed by fire trucks, and a helicopter flying overhead doing water drops on the fire. In the distance Mount Shasta still had active fires. The following day we crossed the river - from Oregon into Washington.



*T's on Tour in the Inland Empire*  
**SPOKANE, WASHINGTON**  
**2021 MTFCA**  
**NATIONAL TOUR**  
 July 9-14

National Tour photos & story by: Steven & Debbie Cavalli, Steve & Cindy Vining, Richard & Nanette Chuck, and Steven Chase. Also on tour were Donna Jones & Rusty, Chris Rich & Joan Henderson.



Steven & Debbie Cavalli's model T on trailer somewhere around Fossil, Oregon.



The Wheeler County Courthouse, near Fossil Oregon



Patsy Clark house, open to the public, was built before the turn of the century.





One of Spokane's incredible mansions,  
now a B&B.

On our tour to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho we saw several beautiful metal sculptures (dandelions above), and on the lawn people were practicing casting for fly fishing.

You can walk the pier which circles around the hotel to a restaurant or sample fish tacos from an onshore riverside restaurant.

In a shop window a fantastic display of "Toys through Time," see the 1927 Lionel Train below which was in one section of the display.



A rare 1907 Ford





# THE CAMPBELL HOUSE

*By Debbie Cavalli*

While on the Spokane national tour, Steve and I visited the Campbell House, one of Spokane's historic masterpieces of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Amasa Campbell (who only went to school through age 15) came to Spokane in 1887 to investigate the tales of Idaho's fabulous Coeur d'Alene Mining District. Along with a partner, Amasa quickly determined that there were fortunes to be made. They invested \$25,000 in an adjacent mine (the Gem mine) and built a mill to work the ores. As fate would have it, they soon struck a very significant vein of silver, and soon were earning thousands of dollars a month. The purchase of other mines soon followed and their fortunes increased.



Sometime after, Amasa Campbell met and married Grace Fox, a beautiful young woman of notable social standing in Spokane society. Soon after, Campbell built an incredible Tudor mansion in the famous Brown District of Spokane. The Campbell House was built in 1898 and constructed for \$30,000 - although estimates for the house and the custom furnishings place the home at a total cost of \$70,000 - quite a sum in today's dollars! The house was one of the first in Spokane to have electric lights and running water!

Like many wealthy women of the Progressive Era, Grace Campbell managed her household, gave time and money to charitable organizations, and played a social role, calling on acquaintances, hosting formal dinners, and traveling with friends and family to New York, California, Europe, and the Middle East.



Grace was a woman of society, spending her days visiting other ladies of society, as well as entertaining callers in her elegant French reception room where Grace Campbell received her visitors. Dressed always in the latest fashions purchased from fashion houses in Paris and New York, she was a staple of society. Despite her society standing and extreme wealth, Grace treated all with love and kindness. While some in her circle looked upon the "hired help" with disdain, Grace was extremely kind to the staff members who lived with the Campbell family, even visiting with them on their time off and filling the parental role for some of the younger staff members who came to live with them.

The Campbell house was a constant hub of activity. It was said that visitors would present their calling cards at the door. The butler would then take the card to Mrs. Campbell who would escort the visitor to the elegant French parlor for tea. So busy was she, that visiting times were often limited to 15 to 20 minutes. Forbidden topics were politics, gossip, and idle talk. Grace often limited conversation to the setting of dates for social occasions, weddings, and "high teas", and golf, which she later took up with enthusiasm.

Servants were indispensable to running Campbell House, which usually employed a coachman, a cook, two maids, and a gardener. Servants had their own dining room, as well as living quarters on the third floor or in the carriage house. As times changed, the coachman learned to adapt to using the automobile instead of the horse-drawn carriage. Speaking of automobiles, the carriage house hosts the incredibly preserved 1913 Rauch & Lang Electric car that Grace and her high-society friends often rode in.







1800 Wheat Mill



Spokane's Riverside Park







With the cars neatly parked, we wandered through the hedge maze that led to the two-story castle which contained several paintings on the walls illustrating the theme; then we checked out the log cabin before enjoying the lunch that they provided.

We visited a couple farms in the area which had gift shops, and one farm treated the tour group to free ice cream with fresh cherry topping.

A manifold cooker tour was held in the evening offering beans and hot dogs at the park destination.

On our last tour day, we decided to have breakfast at Frank's Diner. This observation car was purchased by brothers Frank & Jack Knight and converted into a diner car in 1931. Car No. 1787 was originally owned by the Northern Pacific Railroad and remodeled to suit their needs as a private car for the president of the railroad.

The tour concluded with a banquet dinner, and then it was time to head home the next morning.





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