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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Redwood Empire Model Ters,

Wow! There was a lot going on this past month. We started off with the Kenwood 4th of July parade--good to see that going again. Thanks to Mike Chirhart, and Bob & Linda Salomon for making that happen. Several club members were able to attend the Penngrove Power-Up antique tractor and steam show the following weekend.

Next, we had a flash tour with the German Model Ters, who traveled coast to coast in Model Ts. Five of them toured with us to Armstrong Woods, with a surprisingly good turn out by REMTC. It was a nice day and we couldn't let them leave America without seeing our redwoods. Kudos to Mike for organizing the tour on short notice and to Vince O'Brien for shepherding them and making it happen.

The following weekend saw yet another tour, the Paoletti Winery Tour. The five other German Model Ters joined REMTC for that tour. I guess they heard that the other Germans had a good time and wanted to join the action. Thanks to Steve Cavalli for organizing a full day of activity and to Steven Chase for shepherding the Germans. Thanks as well to David Ryberg for driving the trouble truck.

The final activity of the month was the Yard Sale. It was a highly successful sale and it was good to see all the club members who showed up to make that happen. Thanks to Jeannine & Andy Clary for organizing it and honchoing the event. Thanks also to Con & Fran Faraudo for letting us use their place and hosting it. Their place works so well for a yard sale. Good job REMTC!

Next month should be a little slower paced. We have A Taste of Italy coming up, again, at the Faraudo's. Check the newsletter for more details. Hope to see you there. *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
July 7, 2022
Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

President: John Girman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance: 25 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Sandy O'Halloran thanked Dianna Shimkowski for covering for her on the previous month. She then read the secretary's report for June 2, 2022. The report was accepted by Steve Cavalli and seconded by Jean Chirhart.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Girman gave the Treasurer's report.

Tour Report: Mike Chirhart reported on upcoming tours and events. Please see the monthly newsletter and emails for more details. Mike also shared that there were over 1,000 people at the Kenwood Parade, and it went well. Also, Con Faraudo is looking for one more helper for his *Taste of Italy* event which will include a small tour. If interested, please give Con a call. September 10th is the *Wohler Bridge* event. The Press Democrat will be taking photos and wants us to dress in vintage if possible.

T & A tour is on September 17th, more to come.

Special Events: Vince was absent. Jeannine Clary shared about the upcoming yard sale, July 23rd, 8am to 3 pm and 24th, 8 am to noon. Items don't have to be just vintage. Set up on Friday after 1pm.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski had nothing new to report.

Librarian's Report: Jeannine Clary will be bringing the library to each meeting so we will be able to see what is available and check them out.

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining was absent; however John Girman did report all information is on the web.

Editor's Report: Nothing to report.

Membership Report: Nothing to report.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson was absent.

Scholarship Report: Summertime, all schools on vacation. Andy plans to talk to the teachers directly once school starts.

Old Business: - Mike Chirhart shared about the German cross-country tour and told the club about their plan to go from San Francisco to Napa, and back through Muir Woods.

New Business: The Chucks have moved. Mike Buegeleisen donated a set of Brass headlights to the club. Plan to check different newsletters to see if someone is looking for some. Jeannine has Model T Club keychains available for \$8. Bob Solomon thanked all who attended the Kenwood Parade.

Model T Moments: Bob Salomon shared that Ed Wohler, the 100 year old gentleman that the club took for a ride a few months back, turned out to be the father-in-law of their church's new pastor—small world.

Mike Chirhart picked up his new engine.

Regarding the Girman's car problem during the *Cooker Tour*, Andy Clary said the rear end was full of grease, and he is still looking for the reason it failed.

Dessert: Provided by Cyrus Estes.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:37 pm

Respectfully submitted by, *Sandy O'Halloran* REMTC Secretary

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



STEVE DEPAOLI

BOB SMITH

CLARE PEARSON

CHERYL CALDWELL

BARBARA
MORRISON

AMY BUEGELEISEN

SEBASTIAN AMBRA

DAVE HAASE

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JEANNE NELSON

BILL HARM

DON JOHNSON

JEANNINE
CLARY

MIKE CHIRHART

FRED JOOSSE

JUDY
KONVALINKA

MIKE
BUEGELEISEN

LINDA SALOMON

IRENE TURNER



No Anniversaries this month

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

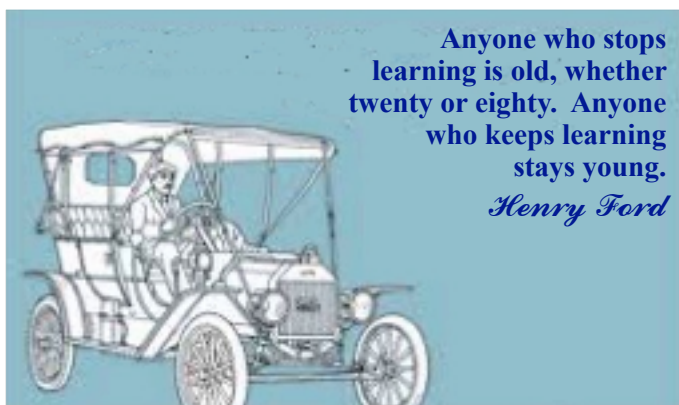
OCTOBER 6TH - CINDY VINING

NOVEMBER 3RD - GWEN BROWN

DECEMBER - 1ST - PATTY GIRMAN

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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August 2022

August 13th **"TASTE OF ITALY" Tour**

Hosted by Con & Fran Faraudo, Tour by Mike & Jean Chirhart

Plan to meet at the Raley's Center on Guerneville and Fulton Roads at 11:00 AM for a short tour.

We will arrive at the Faraudo's around 12:30.

Con and Fran Faraudo will be providing us with pasta, bread and a salad.

They request that we bring some appetizers and desserts.

All members who's last name begins with the letters A through N please bring an appetizer.

All members who's last name begins with M through Z please bring a dessert.

The club will provide water. If you wish to consume something else, please feel free to bring it.

See you on the 13th.

September 2022

Sept 10th **WOHLER BRIDGE 100 year Commemorative Tour**

Hosted by Mike & Jean Chirhart

[Vintage attire preferred.](#) The Press Democrat Newspaper will be taking photos.

September 17th **T & A Tour**

October 2022

October - open for your Tour plans - need volunteers to contact Mike Chirhart

November 2022

November - **TURKEY TROT Tour** (weather permitting)

December 2022

December 11th **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

KENWOOD 4th of JULY PARADE



Sebastian & Joy Ambra
1923 Pick Up Runabout

By John Girman

The morning of the Fourth of July found five Model T's waiting in the staging area for the Kenwood Fourth of July Parade. The pandemic had caused a cancelation last year but with its resumption, REMTC was able to participate in this year's parade. Sebastian & Joy Ambra were in their 1923 Pick-up Runabout; Harry & Karen Plevney were in their 1923 Touring; Mal & Gwen Brown were in their 1926 Touring; Mike & Jean Chirhart were in their 1912 C-cab; and Larry & Robin Summerfield were in their 1922 Runabout. Steve Cavalli brought up the rear of our section of the parade in his newly restored Plymouth. Patty & I were there to spectate but I caught a ride with Mal & Gwen, while Patty opted to view the parade near the viewing stand. The parade had many entries so it took a while to get going but soon we were moving in the parade.

It was a larger than normal crowd and parade with over 1000 spectators. As we traveled along the parade route, we passed out candy to the crowd along the road, which was standing several people deep. The cars received many cheers as we waved flags and Gwen added to the fun by actively using their Ahooga horn. Each car stopped in front of the reviewing stand, where the announcer told the type of car and the names of the cars' occupants. Interestingly enough, the announcer had a British accent but I guess he was at peace with the American Revolution that we were celebrating. Sebastian had a little extra duty at the reviewing stand when he had to explain just what a runabout was but all went well.

Several of us had already enjoyed the pancake breakfast at Bob & Linda Salomon's church but for those who hadn't already eaten, there was breakfast after the parade. Bob & Linda were still hard at work flipping pancakes and serving eggs and sausage as is their custom.

It was a great day for a parade and it was good to enjoy the Kenwood parade as part of the REMTC contingent. It's one of the best small-town parades you will ever see. Thanks to Mike Chirhart as well as Linda & Bob Salomon for making it happen.



At right: Jean & Mike Chirhart
In 1912 C Cab

Not shown: Steve Cavalli who drove his
newly restored Plymouth,
John & Patty Girman,
Mal & Gwen Brown
In their 1926 Touring

Bob & Linda Salomon who were
flipping pancakes and serving eggs, and
sausage for the annual breakfast.

Below: Larry & Robin Summerfield
In 1922 Runabout



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Harry & Karen Plevney
1923 Touring

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GERMAN GROUP TOUR

Eine deutsche Model-T-Gruppe kommt aus New York in die Bay Area.

German Model T Group Arrives From New York To The Bay Area.

Besuchen unseren Club und besichtigt die Redwoods.
Visits Our Club And Tours The Redwoods.

By Mike Chirhart

It started on June 9th when Steve Vining contacted the tour leader, Bernhard Klingels, after hearing that there were five cars crossing the United States. He offered to have our club meet them when they arrived in California. Steve passed the torch on to me, a month later, on July 6th as he was out of town and it was getting close to their arrival date. After 30 plus emails with Bernhard Klingels, the group leader, we finally connected on Tuesday, **July 12, 2022**.



Now, how do we get them from El Cerrito, where they were staying, to the Washoe House, our meeting place? A phone call to Vince O'Brien was all it took. He helped coordinate the meeting place, the San Quentin exit, and guided them up to the Washoe House. A special thanks to Vince for getting the group safely up and back. It was a long day for him but he had a great time.

The group left El Cerrito with 3 T's that day but only two made it up as one had rear end problems. Again Vince saved the day by letting them park the car at his place and the driver, Stefan, rode up with him. Five of the German group showed up: **Bernhard and Heide Klingels, Peter Moch, Harald Schuele and Stefan Mohr**. They were a gregarious group and really enjoyed seeing our 8 cars and all 14 of the club members that showed up.



They purchased the Model T's in the United States, drove them across the country, without having a chance to first check them for any problems before the long trip!

They wanted to see some Redwood trees. We took a leisurely drive out Roblar Road and worked our way over to the Bohemian Hwy where they started to see some of these giants but first we had to stop for a quick lunch. We picked the Guerneville Taco Truck (this has a 5 star rating and the food confirmed this).

Now it was off to Armstrong Redwood State Natural Reserve. We arrived and had our own personal docent (just so happened to be a classmate of Vince O'Brien). Thanks again Vince!!! The group was really impressed by these Redwood Giants. After touring the park it was time to say good-bye as they had to get back to El Cerrito to get their cars ready to ship out the next day. They all thanked us for showing them around and invited us to see them when we come to Germany. Stefan told Vince, "it was the best day of their trip."

It was a crazy run-up to us getting together. So many emails, changes in plans, but it worked out. It was one of the nicest "flash tours" we have had in a long time.

NAPA TOUR

By Steve Cavalli

On **July 16th** eight cars gathered at the Coddington parking lot for the Paoletti Winery Tour sponsored by Steve Cavalli.

Due to other commitments, (or perhaps the weather), response to the tour was very limited, so the Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club and a few other individuals were invited to join us.

John and Linda Pearson, from the Horseless Carriage Club, showed up in their 1910 Buick, and Wayne & Kim Simoni, also from the Horseless Carriage Club, joined us in their beautifully restored 1931 Chrysler Roadster! Also joining us was Barbara Beach, from the Santa Clara Model T club, driving her immaculately restored Model T pickup.

REMTTC Members joining us were Dave Ryberg (driving the trouble truck), Steve Chase in his 1912 Warren Speedster, Vince O'Brien and Carol Graves in his 1910 Model T touring, Donna Jones, Larry and Robin Summerfield, and yours truly! Also joining us as passengers, much to our surprise, were 5 of the German Model T-ers who had just completed a coast to coast trip in their Model T's! A delightful bunch, they were!

Our tour chairman, Mike Chirhart, and resident mechanics, Pete Rich and Andy Clary, showed up to send us off!

We left Coddington at 10:30 a.m. and took some lesser known residential streets to get to Mark West Springs Rd and on to Franz Valley Rd. The heat was already affecting our cars as we ascended a 1-mile steep grade to the top of Franz Valley Road!

We arrived at **Paoletti Winery** about 11:45 and were granted a self guided tour of their very impressive, marble statue lined, wine cave! Most of the statuary in the wine cave was collected and imported from Italy by the current owner!



Shortly after exiting the wine cave we were joined by REMTC members Jim and Margi Pappakostas and John and Carole Padlo from Martinez. They had come up from the South to meet us at the Winery.



Unfortunately Carole Padlo's Coupe "Tea time" broke down just 100 yards from the Winery and could not be repaired. We were all thankful to Dave Ryberg, his trouble truck, and Steve Chase who quickly came to the rescue!

After a little chaos, confusion, and misunderstood directions, we did manage a nice picnic lunch by the winery's private lake! John and Linda Pearson, and Wayne and Kim Simoni left the tour at this point, as they had other engagements scheduled for the afternoon. Little did we know that more unexpected trouble was yet ahead.



Above: Next to the pole is Julie (friend of Barbara), and to the right of her is Carol Graves, Vince O'Brien, Silvia Voggle, Gerhard Voggle; and then on the opposite side of the table in back is Reiner Wilhelm, Otto's wife in center, and in front is Barbara Beach.



L to R Top photo: Stan Romando, Wayne Simoni, Donna Jones.

Center Photo: Jim & Margie Pappakostas

Photo at right: back. Row L to R: **Reiner Wilhelm, Silvia Voggle, Gerhard Voggle.** Barbara Beach, **Otto**, sitting is Donna Jones, standing is Jim Pappakostas, Vince O'Brien. Front row: Debbie Cavalli, Julie, Margie Pappakostas, and **Otto's wife**.





Leaving there we proceeded south on Silverado Trail for a short stop at the **St. Helena Olive Oil Company**, built in 1931. This little jewel of a destination is hidden in a residential area on the outskirts of St. Helena. Housed in an ancient white barn the Olive Oil Company sells a variety of wonderful cheeses, salami's, and other Italian delicacies and still showcases the original stone tank and crushing wheel used in the '30's to process the olive oil for which the place is famous.

By this time the temperature was well into the 90's, and we were all feeling it! Vince O'Brian also left the tour, at this point, as Carol was struggling with heat exhaustion.

The remainder of us arrived at the **Bale Grist Mill State Park** about 3 p.m. for a demonstration of how grain was processed in the 1850's! The docent carried on a little too long, but the demonstration WAS informative.





It was uncomfortably hot by this time, and Donna Jones became quite ill from the heat. John Padlo graciously drove Donna's car back to Santa Rosa while she rode back in the air conditioned trouble truck.

We arrived safely back to the Coddington parking lot about 5 p.m., exhausted, but happy! There were many hugs and sad good-bye's to our acquaintances and new German friends, who would be heading back to Europe soon. All in all, it was a great tour, despite the heat and the mishaps. Touring in July in Sonoma and Napa Counties always has its drawbacks!

My sincere thanks to Steve Chase and his leadership gifts. You are always a great help, Steve, and things wouldn't have gone as smoothly without your help!



Above: Steve Chase (center) saying goodbye to the German Travelers



Left: The group ready to go on the Napa Tour.

July 23 & 24, 2022

YARD SALE FUNDRAISER

at Faraudo's home; Host: Jeannine Clary



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