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President's Message

Redwood Empire Model Ters,

Last month, I made the mistake of commenting on the cooler than normal weather. I guess that was remedied as we've had a good spell of hot weather, so hot that we cancelled the Cooker Tour. Probably a good thing as it was 93 F at our house that day. But also too bad because I was looking forward to it. On the bright side, we now have a tour all planned and ready to go when we can fit it in.

More tours are coming up. There has been some re-scheduling so pay attention and check the newsletter or website prior to the tours. We now have the New Grass Tour scheduled for August 19. The Packard Museum Tour (previously known at the New Members Tour) is scheduled for September 9. The Overnighter Delta Tour remains unchanged for September 20-24. I know a lot of members have reserved their rooms for the Delta Tour but the registrations have been a little slow coming in. Mike Chirhart has done a good job of organizing that tour but we need to know how many folks are coming so he can finalize the number for the restaurants. There is a registration form in this newsletter so please fill it out and send it in to reserve your place on the tour.

I'm sure you noticed that our article on the Wohler Bridge Tour finally made it into the Model T Times. I wish that more of our pictures made it into the magazine, especially more of the Model T's crossing the bridge, but they do have space limitations and they did a good job on the article.

I'll miss our next meeting (something about an Alaskan cruise) but running the meeting will be in Steve Vining's capable hands. Sandy O'Halloran will be collecting Delta Tour registration forms.

So, lots of opportunities to drive your Model T coming up. Hope to see you on the road,

John Girman

CHAPTER INFORMATION

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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

July 6, 2023

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

Attendance: 21 members in attendance.

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

Secretary's Report: In Sandy O'Halloran's absence Patty Girman read the Old and New Business for June 2023. Andy Clary made a correction stating that the newsletter should read Tim McCalister, not Bob. There was a motion to accept the minutes as corrected by Don Johnson and seconded by Jeannine Clary. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Girman stated that there was no REMTC activity and shared the ending balances for the monthly Treasurer's Report.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski was absent. A card was sent to Steve DePaoli. Chris shared that Pete Rich was doing well after his knee replacement.

Tour Report: Mike Chirhart talked about the two parades over the 4th of July weekend, one in Penngrove and one in Kenwood. Members participated in both although the weather was warm. There was a nice article about the Kenwood Pancake Breakfast in the Press Democrat with our own Linda Salomon featured. The Sebastopol VFW will hold a car show on July 15. Mike brought a cooker oven to show for those who were not familiar with this device. The Cooker Tour will start at the Washoe House, not Lion's Grove as mentioned in the newsletter and be about 35 miles long to make sure the food is heated well. Participants should precook the meal they will be sharing. A Flash Tour is being worked on for the month of August. Vince O'Brien is planning the September 9th tour. The Delta Overnight Tour will be from September 20th – 24th. Get your reservations made at the Ryde Hotel and food choices and payment to Patty Girman by August 31st. There is also a Car Show in Fountain Grove and *Wings & Wheels* at the Pacific Coast Air Field in Santa Rosa in September. October will be the T & A tour, and the Horseless Carriage Club is also planning a tour. **Please see the Pedal Pusher or website for more detailed tour information.**

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining added pictures (thank you, Ted) and updated the website. The calendar is working well.

Editor's Report: Some members did not receive their newsletter by email. It was suggested that the email lists used by the President, Tour chair and Newsletter Editor be checked and coordinated for accuracy. President Girman said this would be looked into.

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski shared that there has been no activity.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson was absent. Steve Nelson shared that Jeanne is working on the latest events.

Scholarship Report: Andy shared that he is hoping to get input from members for a standardized presentation that can be made to the various schools. He is working on a rough draft.

Old Business: No new business.

New Business: No new business.

Model T Moments: John Girman was asked if he saw any Model T's on his trip to Europe. He stated that he saw a vehicle similar to a Model T that had been turned into an ice cream truck. Sebastian Ambra shared that he won a trophy at the Penngrove parade and shared pictures. Also, when he was having breakfast at the Kenwood parade, he struck up a conversation with a young boy and said he would throw him candy if he shared his name. Turned out he was also Sebastian. Steve Cavalli shared that he participated in a Horseless Carriage tour and how nice it was. And Tim McCallister shared that he has retired from Snap On Tools. Everyone cheered.

Dessert Provided by: Tim and Theresa McCallister provided dessert.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Cindy Vining, 2nd by Sebastian Ambra, motion carried. Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by *Patty Girman* for Sandy O'Halloran, REMTC Secretary

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



August 2023 Anniversaries

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| Sebastian Ambra | John Avakian |
| Mike Chirhart | Jeannine Clary |
| Steve DePaoli | Dave Haase |
| Fred Joose | Don Johnson |
| Bill Harm | Judy Konvalinka |
| Leslie Konvalinka | Barbara Morrison |
| Jeanne Nelson | Linda Salomon |
| Bob Smith | Peter Stoneberg |
| Terry Storm | Larry Summerfield |
| Irene Turner | Gail Sharpsteen |
| Mike Buegeleisen | Amy Buegeleisen |

Dodge & Maureen Riedy

Tim & Teresa McCallister

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Jim Long

COVER PHOTO

Clever caption idea to go with last month's cover photo was "determination".

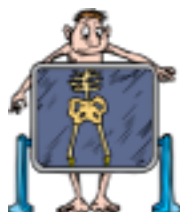
GENERAL MEETING DESSERTS FOR 2023

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

REPAIRS and RESTORATION Get well



Con was sent a get well card for his back problems.
Pete Rich is out walking after knee replacement surgery.
A card was sent to Steve DePaoli after surgery.

Steve Cavalli reported that he had cancer surgery in July which resulted in his leg being removed; and he was discharged to rehab and is now home and walking on crutches. We look forward to seeing him on a tour soon.

THE RUNNING BOARD

information provided by Mike Chirhart, Tour Chairman

AUGUST - 19th

New Grass Tour

Meet at Washoe House at 9:30 AM. Hosted by Vince O'Brien

SEPTEMBER - 9th

Packard Museum Tour

Hosted by Tim McCallister and Ted Shimkowski
details to follow next month

Wings & Wheels Car Show

Pacific Coast Airfield
Fountain Grove, Santa Rosa

Overnight Delta Tour

September 20th thru 24th

*See Flyer and Registration Form on **next two pages***

OCTOBER - 7th

T & A Tour - in planning

Hosted by Steve Vining and Andy Clary

The Horseless Carriage Car Club is planning a tour

NOVEMBER

Rain or Shine Tour - in planning

DECEMBER 10th

Sunday - **Christmas Dinner at Cattleman's Restaurant** in Petaluma

California Delta Tour
Wednesday, September 20th
Thru
Sunday, September 24, 2023

Day 1

Arrive in the afternoon and settle in. Social that evening in the back of the hotel on the greens.

Day 2

Drive to Rio Vista, Tour the Dutra Museum and Rio Vista Museum. Lunch at Fosters Big Horn then off to The Real McCoy Ferry #2 for a trip across the Sacramento River and then touring the Delta region.

Day 3

Follow the Sacramento River to Sacramento for a Docent led tour of the California Railroad Museum. Lunch on your own in Old Town Sacramento, then a tour of the California Auto Museum after lunch. After that a leisurely drive back to the Ryde.

Day 4

More exploring of the Delta with a stop at Locke to tour the Chinese settlements and then drive through Clarksburg with a stop at the Old Sugar Mill Facility for food truck lunch, tour and then back to Ryde for the evening banquet.

Day 5

Farewells and drive back home

We'll be staying at the Ryde Hotel, 916-776-1318. Room rate \$99.00 per night. If no one answers leave a message and they will get back to you. No pets allowed. Service animals only.

Tour cost will be **\$150.00** per person.

Please fill out the attached form and send it along with your check to:

Patty Girman, 8565 Oak Circle, Cotati, CA. 94931

California Delta Tour
Wednesday, September 20th
Thru
Sunday, September 24, 2023

Registration Form

Meal selection for Saturday's Banquet. Please select one per person.

- Vegetarian penne pasta w/roasted vegetables _____
- Herbed salmon in white wine sauce _____
- Slow roasted prime rib _____
- Chicken Béchamel _____

All meals come with a salad, Artisan bread and butter, creamy mashed potatoes and a dessert assortment.

Members Name: _____ \$150.00
Spouse Name: _____ \$150.00
Guest Name: _____ \$150.00

Total:

Please mail form with check made out to **REMTC** to: **Patty Girman, 8565 Oak Circle, Cotati, CA. 94931**

Please have all Registrations in by August 31st
In additional questions call Mike Chirhart at 707-545-5883

East Central Manhattan Kansas T's MTFCA National Tour June 18-23, 2023

by Nanette Chuck

What a treat to be greeted by mild sunny weather for the entire tour; arriving at the trailer parking, then met by helpers to unload our luggage.

The next evening, Sunday, we drove to the *Midwest Dream Car Collection* where we enjoyed a reception dinner and viewed their collection which included a 1948 Ford Super Deluxe Woodie Station Wagon, 23 windows in a Volkswagon bus, a 1963 split window Chevrolet Corvette, a 1984 DeLoren DMC-12, and a 2010 Tesla Roadster Sport.

In the *photos on the next page* - starting at the upper to lower left:

Windmill in the tallgrass prairies and bovine from the farms;

the photo below that is the fascinating story of a 43 year old Frenchman, Emile Leray. In 1993, he took a roadtrip in his Citroen 2CV from the city of Tan-Tan to Zagoa, Morocco. Evading police orders to return to Tan-Tan (due to unrest in the area ahead), he veered off the road in an attempt to continue on by crossing the Moroccan Sahara desert. He was driving too fast, hit a large rock and destroyed the chassis, a control arm, and the front axle. With limited food and water, he came up with an idea to take all salvagable parts including nuts and bolts because he had few tools and no ability to weld, he cleverly decided to build a motorcycle out of his car parts. After 12 days and 11 nights the project was completed and tested. The photo shown is one of the photos he took. He then continued on his journey now returning to Tan-Tan. The actual motorcycle is on display in front of the photo he took. The photo below is of the cars Sonny & Cher commissioned; and below them is a nod to the wine country - a car decorated in corks.

On the upper right *photos shown are*:

The back and front views of an 1886 Benz Patent-Motorwagen which can reach 10 mph, single-cylinder four-stroke engine, world's first gasoline powered production automobile

Below that is a outside and inside view of a 1925 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost Salamanca collapsible which has been in movies. The chauffeur's open air compartment is divided from the passenger area with retractable glass. The enclosed passenger cabin can be open to the sky by folding the top back. A microphone is used to communicate with the driver; and for the lady there is a vanity, and mirror, and for the gentleman a cigar lighter and ashtray, and, of course, a clock.

Below the Rolls-Royce is a 1923 Ford Model T Runabout "Old Liz"

Some of the ladies attending Wednesday night's Ladies Tea in vintage attire.

And the photo at bottom right is "Valentino" showing off a ribbon with a medal hanging from the motometer over the radiator, won for being the fastest car to race across the prairie roads clocked at 44 mph with driver Richard Chuck, and their car banner number was #44.

Monday the tour was to a lake with a fabulous lunch at Wild Olives Restaurant. A cheese factory stop, and a visit to heritage park.

Tuesday: A visit to the Oz Museum with all the movie memorabilia, next a pioneer town, and the Oregon Trail life size bronze oxen and wagon.

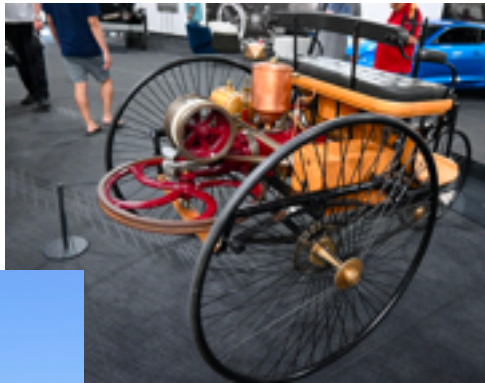
Wednesday: We visited the Eisenhower home and museum in Abilene, while car games took place, and in the evening the ladies in vintage dress attended a Tea and a presentation.

Thursday: We visited Fort Riley with viewing of the General Custer Home, First Territorial capital, U.S. Cavalry Museum (just opened), and the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard Steeds, and we enjoyed a delicious box lunch

Friday: We did a car show at the park and then attended the evening banquet dressed in vintage attire.

We enjoyed seeing "Where the Tin Man Meets the Tin Lizzie." The weather was beautiful not a tornado in sight so we packed up, clicked our heels and were off because "there's no place like home."

Manhattan, KANSAS
MTFCA National Tour
June 18-23, 2023



Photos by Nanette Chuck



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