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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello REMTC Members,

I would like to take a moment to thank the Nelsons' for inviting the REMTC members to their 4th of July celebration of the 250th anniversary of our nation. This was a truly amazing event, hosting members from many different car clubs. The event was held at the Nelsons' beautiful property in Petaluma. The weather was perfect and the food was delicious. I am going to guess that there were 130 to 160 people in attendance, and the event was planned and executed with pure perfection.

Our club overnight tour is fast approaching. Dave and his team of planners are working on this event. Joan and I are looking forward to attending. Please contact Dave if you are planning on attending. Dave will need an accurate account of attendees to work with the Military base for entrance. I know how much work goes into planning these events, and I would like to thank Dave and his team for their work on this year's event.

Andy held a shop day at his shop in Santa Rosa on Saturday, July 25th. The event was well attended, and Andy went over the basics of Model T coils. This was a very informative event, discussing the mysteries of the Model T coils. Using a Coil Tester, Andy checked coils for a number of our members and adjusted them for perfect performance. These events are so important for our club, knowing more about your car will help you to have happy driving days. Thank you very much Andy for putting this together.

-Chris

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Scholarship.....John Girman
Sunshine.....Dianna Shimkowski
Tours.....Dave Ryberg
Webmaster.....Steve Vining

CHAPTER INFORMATION & NATIONAL AFFILIATION

The Pedal Pusher is a monthly publication of the Redwood Empire Model T Club (REMTC). The club holds a general meeting on the first Thursday of each month in the meeting room of the Round Table Restaurant located on Marlow Rd. in Santa Rosa. Members and guests are welcome to attend.

REMTC website: www.remtc.org
Dues for an individual, or a household, are \$30 per year. Student memberships (no fee) include only the emailed REMTC newsletter. Charter members above the age of 85 have an honorary membership.

REMTC is an official non-profit chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA).

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R.E.M.T.C.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa, CA
July 2nd, 2026

President

Chris Rich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

24 members were in attendance. Five chairpersons were present, with the exception of Jeanne Nelson, Patti Girman, and Dave Ryberg. Three Board members were in attendance, with the exception of Patty Girman and Andy Clary.

Secretary's Report

Teresa McCallister read the secretary's report, with approvals by Sebastian Ambra and James Harris. Birthdays & anniversaries were announced.

Treasurer's Report

John Girman reported on our current finances, with approvals by Sandy O'Halloran & Tim McCallister.

Tour Report

Chris Rich thanked Dave and Andy for their organizing efforts.

Steve Vining reported on the following upcoming club events:

July:

- **4th** - Nelson's U.S.A 250th BBQ: Steve Nelson reminded everyone to drive their Model T's and come at 11:30 a.m. There will be a lot of people, including some people with street rods.
- **5th** - Penngrove Park Parade.
- **11th** - Penngrove Power & Implement Museum demonstrations. We have a standing invitation to bring our Model T's which we haven't taken advantage of every year. Sebastian added, "Come to see the many changes made to the museum, this is a fun event. It will be open 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m."
- **18th** - Sebastopol V.F.W. Car Show. This is a nice show, and typically has about 50 cars.
- **25th** - Andy will host another garage day due to the light showing on the last scheduled date.

August:

- 15th - R.E.M.T.C T & A Tour with the Sonoma Model A Club.

September/October

- **19th** - Wheels & Wings Car Show, Pacific Coast Air Museum.
- **Sep. 30th - Oct. 11th** - Overnight Tour to Monterey County. Let Dave Ryberg know if you are interested as soon as possible. We only have 15 people committed, and need at least 25 people to reserve the banquet room. To enter the base there will be a form to complete, which is not available yet. You will also show your ID at the entrance. this should be an easy process. The tour is no longer limited to 20 people. The cost of the tour has not been worked out yet. The tour date is September 30th through October 4th, arriving on the 30th.

Sunshine Report

Dianna Shimkowski reported that she sent greetings to:

Patti Girman, for recent knee surgery;

Shery Granigen, for a broken leg;

Bert Schull, who is recovering from a stroke and is doing well.

Scholarship Report

No report for this meeting. Bring raffle donations to the next meeting.

A tire jack brought to the meeting for the raffle was purchased by Tim McCallister, funds were donated to the club.

Editor's Report

Cyrus Estes reported that recent changes to the newsletter were made in response to a computer failure.

Chris said he liked the changes, and that Cyrus had recovered gracefully.

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R.E.M.T.C.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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Membership Report

Ted Shimkowski reported that there has been no new activity.

Webmaster Report

Steve Vining reported that he and his son have not had time to assist with the new website, and hopes that they will work on it soon.

Historian Report

Steve Nelson reported that everything is coming along.

Old Business

Christmas party - no news.

New Business

Steve Vining brought up that, in July, we usually reserve the Round Table meeting room for the year.

Tim McCallister let people know about some leather-like badges with pictures of your car, which can be attached to hats, are available for purchase.

Model T Moments

Cyrus took his car to the Peggy Sue Car Show. Some observers reminisced about learning to drive in a Model T. Others asked about the wooden wheels, or whether the car had been in a movie.

Dodge Riedy said that last year his car gave him problems on the third day of the overnighter. He found the wrist pin had been in the car since 2001, he made a new wrist pin bushing, put it in, and will fire it up soon.

Dessert

Dessert of red, white, and blue cheesecake was provided by Steve and Cindy Vining.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM, approved by Dianna Shimkowski and Don Johnson.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Teresa McCallister, REMTC Secretary.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Linda Salomon - Leslie Konvalinka - Jeanne Nelson
Jeannine Clary - Sebastian Ambra - Mike Chirhart
Steve DePaoli - David Hasse - Bill Harm
Don Johnson - Fred Joose - Bob Smith
Terry Storm - Larry Summerfield
Gail Sharpsteen

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



Tim & Teresa McCallister
Dodge & Maureen Riedy

SUNSHINE

No New Sunshine

2026 MEETING DESSERTS



JANUARY 8TH - - - - - NO MEETING
FEBRUARY 5TH - - - - - JEAN CHIRHART
MARCH 5TH - - - - - JEANNINE CLARY
APRIL 2ND - - - - - DIANNA SHIMKOWSKI
MAY 7TH - - - - - PATTY GIRMAN
JUNE 4TH - - - - - JAMES HARRIS

JULY 2ND - - - - - CINDY VINING
AUGUST 6TH - - - - - DODGE RIEDY
SEPTEMBER 3RD - - - - - DONNA JONES
OCTOBER 1ST - - - - - TRACY LONG
NOVEMBER 5TH - - DAVE & MICI RYBERG
DECEMBER 3RD - - - - - CYRUS ESTES

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If you would like to submit an article or photograph for the September edition,
please send it to me by August 25th.
-Cyrus Estes, R.E.M.T.C. Editor

THE RUNNING BOARD

PART ONE

Dates of Importance

*Items in **GREEN** need coordinators! Contact Dave Ryberg if you would like to plan something.
Items in **RED** are R.E.M.T.C coordinated events.
Items with black borders are suggested events, and not affiliated with the R.E.M.T.C

AUGUST: MONTGOMERY H.S. ALUMNI CAR SHOW (T.B.D.)

AUGUST 5TH: M.T.F.C.A. MODEL T MUSEUM HOMECOMING 2026

Model T Museum, 309 N. 8th Street, Richmond, Indiana.
See www.mtfca.com/events for more details

AUGUST 15TH: T & A TOUR (PENDING)

Joint R.E.M.T.C & Sonoma Model A Club tour. Details coming soon.

SEPTEMBER 8TH: M.T.F.C.A. MODEL T'S, THE MOTHER ROAD, AND MORE - NATIONAL TOUR

Joplin, Missouri. See www.mtfca.com/events for more details.

SEPTEMBER 19TH: WINGS & WHEELS CAR SHOW

SEP. 30TH - OCT. 4TH: OVERNIGHT MONTEREY COUNTY TOUR

Staying at the Naval Post Graduate School. Pat O'Halloran is coordinating.
See the included flyer for information. Some details pending, stay tuned.

PICTURES FROM
**THE NELSONS' USA 250TH
BBQ & CELEBRATION**

Photos by Ted Shimkowski



JULY GARAGE DAY

Article & Photos by Ted Shimkowski

This past Saturday was another garage day held by Andy, and the subject matter was Model T coils. Andy encouraged everyone to bring in their coils for testing if they had any questions about how well they were working, and roughly 12 folks showed up for the demonstration. Andy had a test apparatus that was commercially built by an individual specifically for testing Model T coils. Andy took the time to explain to everyone how the internal workings of a Model T coil operate, and he then demonstrated how the test rig exercised the coil to check out the workings of the coil as well as a meter to test various parameters, and to optimize the operation of the coil. When energized, the machine would indicate if the internal capacitor was working properly, as well as a meter that let the operator know when the coil was operating at its peak level. If a coil did not move the meter into the “good” green zone, Andy described how tweaking and adjustment could help optimize that reading. In some cases, the adjustment did not have enough range and it required a bending of the top metal tab to increase the tension to achieve top performance. Andy demonstrated how using a small ball peen hammer, he could bend that top metal tab with a “calibrated” tap to bring the coil into better operating range.

As usual, thank you goes out to Jeannine for providing hot drinks and banana bread, and to Chris Rich for bringing two boxes of donuts for all to share. A special thank you goes out to Vince Gregoire for making the effort to attend. Good to see you, Vince.



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