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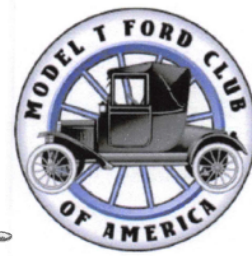
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*Happy Holidays & saying goodbye to 2019*



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well folks it's my last president's message and yes, I'm late getting it to Nanette. I was thinking about all the people who have helped keep the club running over the last couple of years and I just don't have enough room to name them all. From the officers and chair persons, to the national tour team to those who hosted tours and get togethers. If I tried to name them all I would forget someone and be in trouble. Mostly though I want to thank Jeannine for putting up with me and actually doing most everything.

I leave the club in the capable hands of Mike Chirhart and his crew. We've been talking and Mike has some fresh ideas for us in the coming year.

Thanks for letting me feel like I was in charge.

*Andy Clary*

## CHAPTER INFORMATION

The Pedal Pusher is a monthly publication of Redwood Empire Model T Club (REMTC)  
P.O. Box 1058, Forestville, CA 95436

The Dues are \$30 a year for an individual or for a couple.

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

Charter members at 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.

### REMTC Website

[www.remtc.org](http://www.remtc.org)

## NATIONAL AFFILIATION

REMTC is an official non-profit chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA),  
P.O. Box 126 Centerville, IN 47330-0126

Website: <http://www.mtfca.com>

National dues are \$40 per year which includes the *Vintage Ford* magazine subscription.

## 2019 BOARD MEMBERS

President	Andy Clary
Vice President	Steve Vining
Secretary	Jeannine Clary
Treasurer	Steve Cavalli
Past-President	Don Johnson

## CHAIRPERSONS

Tour Chairman	Steve Vining
Newsletter Editor	Nanette Chuck
Historian	Jeanne Nelson
Sunshine	Fran Faraudo
Membership	Ted Shimkowski
Librarian	Patty Girman
Special Events	Vince Gregoire
Webmaster	Steve Vining

November 7th, 2019

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## Redwood Empire Model T Club

at  
Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa

**President:** Andy Clary called meeting to order at 6:54 pm.

**Attendance:** 37 members were in attendance.  
Chairpersons absent were; Vince Gregoire

**Secretary's Report:** Jeannine Clary read last months meeting minutes with approvals by Patty Girman with a second by Linda Salomon.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Cavalli reported that our finances are balanced. This was approved by Steve Nelson and a second by Fran Faraudo.

**Tour Report:** Steve Vining reported that we have the Fall Colors Tour scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please check the website for more information.

**Special Events:** Diane Shimkowski reported on our up coming Christmas Dinner at the Quail Inn. There will be an auction along with other surprises. Please have your check mailed in by November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunshine Report:** Fran Faraudo reported that she sent a get-well card to Vince O'Brian, and a sympathy card to Claire Pearson for the passing of her close friend George. Tippy Grossman had a serious injury to her leg.

**Librarian Report:** Patty Girman reported that the library is still here.

**Webmaster:** Steve Vining reported nothing new, but to keep your eye on the website.

**Editor's Report:** Nanette Chuck reported 73 emailed and 13 mailed newsletters.

**Membership:** Ted Shimkowski reported no contact from prospective new members.

**Historian Report:** Jeanne Nelson reported that she brought the photo album from the club overnigher that she had just finished putting together. Check it out.

**Old Business:** Steve Vining reported that our club 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary event will be April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**New Business:** Andy Clary addressed the club with the new slate of officers and chairpersons for this new year.

**Officers:** President:-Mike Chirhart, VP:-Steve Vining, Secretary:-Jean Chirhart, Treasurer:-Cindy Vining, Past President:-Andy Clary.

**Chairpersons:** Tour Director:-Larry Summerfield, Newsletter Editor:-Nanette Chuck, Librarian:-Patty Girman, Sunshine Reporter:-Fran Faraudo, Membership:-Ted Shimkowski, Historian:-Jean Nelson, Web Master:-Steve Vining.  
A motion was presented by Andy Clary to approve the new slate of officers, which was approved by Steve Nelson with a second by Diana Shimkowski.

Steve Vining brought up club T-Shirts, if you would like to place an order to contact him.

A motion was presented to the club, by Andy Clary, to make this years donation to the Redwood Empire Food Bank in the amount of \$500.00, this was approved by Patty Girman with a second by Sebastian Ambra, all were in favor.

**Model T Moments:** No moments for this month.

**Meeting adjourned:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:24.

**Dessert provided by:** Betsy and Rich Randolph, Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by

*Jeannine Clary*  
REMTC Secretary

## THE RUNNING BOARD

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**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Oakmont Golf Club, 7020 Oakmont Dr., Santa Rosa

**April 25, 2020**

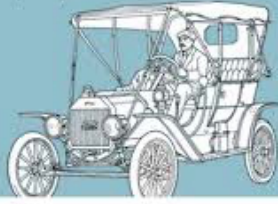
REMTC 30 Years Celebration at the Salomon's Estate in Kenwood

**August 13 thru 16, 2020**

No-trailers Overnighter Tour being planned - Save the Date!



May you live to be so old that your driving terrifies people.



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Newlin

Nanette Chuck

Russ Donahue

Sandy O'Halloran

Jean Chirhart

Dudley Stone

Mary McEachern

Phil Aaron

October 28, 2019

## MTFCA UPDATE for Chapters



If you've been following the news in the *Vintage Ford*, we recently introduced a new youth membership program called the *Model T Explorers Club*. We hope this is one step towards helping meet the need to get young people involved and excited about the Model T hobby!

**I'm happy to report that the first *Model T Explorer* newsletter was mailed today to 43 Charter Members!**

The new member packet (see picture below) also includes a member card, name badge and holder, a wristband, and a bookbag, all branded with the Model T Explorer logo.

Enclosed is the newsletter that I hope you will share at your next chapter meeting. We have a limited number of extra copies available if you would like some to hand out at a youth event or activity that you may host in your community. Just drop me an email and let me know how many you would like sent (up to 20): [susan@mtfca.com](mailto:susan@mtfca.com)

We hope you will encourage your members to get a membership for their children and grandchildren. For only \$15 a year, kids aged 7-17 will receive 3 issues of the newsletter and the member packet. We hope this program will continue to grow.

If you have any questions, comments, or input regarding this new MTFCA program, please do let me know. We want to hear if this is an effective way to engage our young people.



Susan Yaeger  
Executive Director

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December 15th

*Andy & Jeannine Clary*

December 17th

*Ted & Dianna Shimkowski*

## MEETING DESSERTS for 2019

*Please bring dessert for 40 people,  
and if needed,  
bring paper plates and plastic forks.  
If you can't make the meeting you have  
signed-up for, please call a substitute.*

SEPTEMBER 5th - No Meeting

OCTOBER 3rd - Cindy Vining & Joyce Toms

NOVEMBER 7th - Betsy & Rich Randolph

DECEMBER 5th - Nanette Chuck

# THE ROAD AHEAD

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## CHRISTMAS DINNER

at the  
Oakmont Golf Club  
7020 Oakmont Drive, Santa Rosa

Sunday, December 8, 2019  
5:30 p.m - 8:30 p.m.

**Vintage Dress Encouraged**

**You may bring an unwrapped gift to be donated to “Toys for Tots”**

No-host cocktails 5:30 - 6:16 PM  
Corkage \$10

*Salmon Picatta with roasted seasonal vegetables and creamy mashed potatoes*

*Grilled Tri-Tip with Red Wine Reduction sauce, roasted seasonal vegetables  
and creamy mashed potatoes*

*Vegetarian Meal with roasted seasonal vegetables and creamy mashed potatoes*

*Dessert: Tiramisu*



# IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR



The Tucker Truck has arrived bringing Morning Tea.



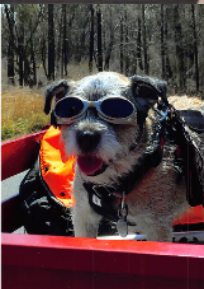
Photos and article by Donna Jones

## Visiting "Down Under" Maryborough, Queensland *Australia*

*September 29 to October 5, 2019*

The Model T Rally, as they call their tours, was in Maryborough, Queensland. It was the 13th Model T Ford National. It was Sept. 29th to Oct. 5th. Maryborough is the home of author Pamela Lyndon Travers, who wrote Mary Poppins children's books. Morning Tea is a big thing with Aussies and was provided by the Tucker Truck, a TT cab truck. Swaggies, as we were called, were provided rides every day. We visited a macadamia ranch, Hervey Bay and enjoyed a day in Maryborough showing off the "T's" and then a gaslight tour around town.

Donna also told this editor: She enjoyed the Australian hospitality so much she hated to leave. They always made sure her accommodations, rides, and needs were met. And they love to dress vintage on the tours, and include swimwear and unmentionables, in their fashion show.







*Fall Color Tour*







## *Fall Color Tour*

*November 23, 2019*

*Story by*

*Patty Girman*



38 DEGREES!! Yes that was the temperature when John and I loaded ourselves into the Model T, layered, gloves and cap on and hoods up. But we weren't the only ones making our way over to Coddington Mall that Saturday morning. We had Redwood Empire members from around the county doing the same thing. Chris Rich and Joan Henderson, Richard and Nanette Chuck, Steve and Cindy Vining, Pat O'Halloran, Ted Shimkowski, Pete Rich (who shared a ride with Ted), Donna Jones, Ted and Tippi Grossman, Jeff Stevenson, Dick Winterhalder all braving the cold morning. Mike and Jean Chirhart arrived in their '68 Datson 1600, (top down) and Larry and Robin Summerfield brought their modern car since their Model T was not all back together yet. Chris and Joan, who were our hosts, were ready for us with a table set up, complete with tablecloth, and hot coffee, muffins and a variety of other breakfast goodies. After everyone had greeted each other, caught up on activities, had their tummies warm and full, Chris called a short drivers' meeting. We then lined up and headed out.

Although the air was crisp, the weather was beautiful, a bright sun and no wind. We enjoyed the color of the Chinese Pistache trees along the busy city roads as we soon left traffic behind us. It is always amazing to me how quickly we can move from city to country here in Sonoma County. We headed down one road that was barely a car and a half wide, with no traffic lines and a full canopy of trees above. The pace was perfect so we could enjoy the calm feel of the day. Almost no traffic on these back roads, except for some bicyclists also out enjoying the gorgeous day. We drove down Eastside Road and to the delight of a couple of hikers and their dogs, paraded over the Wohler Bridge, soon to find ourselves going up Westside Road. Although we had been on several of these roads before, I find that each time they seem to have a different flavor. This day the vineyards were telling us that their job of the year was done as some of them had already lost all their leaves. Some were still hanging on with a few crinkled and dry leaves and a few still held the fall colors with a little green. But the message was that it was time to rest and the colder, rainier weather was in the not too distant future. We drove to Dry Creek Road and turned down Healdsburg Avenue into the town of Healdsburg. Here we were delighted by the activity of this small town and waved to many people strolling along the sidewalks. We continued through town and came to the first of four roundabouts we would encounter and headed over the Healdsburg Bridge and into the town of Windsor. After driving through Windsor we again soon found ourselves back in the country. A few miles and a couple of turns and we pulled into the parking lot of Shiloh Ranch Regional Park. After parking our cars and gathering the lunches we brought, we moseyed up to the picnic area that Chris and Joan had reserved for us. They had drinks waiting and we found our spots at the tables and once again enjoyed food and friendship. Chris and Joan then surprised us with pumpkin pie complete with a mound of whipped cream on top. I told Chris how nice this was and he replied that it was in remembrance of his mother, Ginny Rich, who said a Fall Tour wasn't complete without this Harvest dessert.



A very big thank you to Chris and Joan for once again putting together a fantastic tour. It couldn't have been better with great roads, a leisurely pace and especially the 72 degree temperature as we ventured on home.





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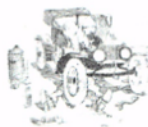
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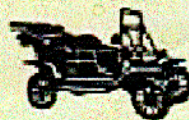


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