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THE PEDAL

PUSHER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow!!! I can't believe that this year is almost over. I guess the old saying

"time goes by when you're having fun" does have some meaning to it. Yes, this was a fun year....In a strange kind of way.

For me personally, I had a blast getting the "Phantom" tuned up for the tours we did this year. It was a challenge and fun getting the 1915 to the point that I enjoyed driving her. There are still a few things I want to do, and with all kinds of time on my hands, I hope to get them done before our next season.

Oh, the tours, Yes, they were few and far between, but the ones that we had were a lot of fun. Special thanks to all of you that made them happen. We had fair luck with our outdoor meetings this year but finally had to go to "Zoom" with the time change. Speaking of "Zoom," I really encourage our members to give it a try. It's easy to log on with the steps provided with my email.

For those of you that know me, I'm a "glass half full" person.

I'm looking forward to making 2021 an even better year. With your approval!!!

Happy Holidays, Mike Chirhart



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

NATIONAL AFFILIATION

REMTC is an official non-profit chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA), P.O. Box 996 Richmond, IN 47375-0996 Ph:(765) 373-3106. Email admin@mtfca.com Website: http://www.mtfca.com National dues are \$40 per year which includes the *Vintage Ford* magazine subscription.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Redwood Empire Model T Club

Held via ZOOM, Santa Rosa, CA

President: Mike Chirhart called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Attendance: There were 16 people on our zoom meeting, with all board members and 5 chairpersons present. Vince G attempted to join but had some issues.

Secretary's Report: Jean Chirhart read the minutes from the September meeting. Corrections were made for the newsletter report in that Mike Chirhart had conducted that meeting not Steve Vining. It was approved by Andy Clary and seconded by Steve Vining.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Vining said that for Aug.-Sept. there was no income but one check was written for Dexter Clary. The months of Sept. to Oct. there was no income or expenses. We're still in good shape. The report was approved by Steve Vining and seconded by Jeannine Clary.

Tour Report: Larry Summerfield mentioned there were eleven cars on the Fall Flash Tour hosted by Chris Rich and Joan Henderson; and they provided donuts in baggies.

Special Events: President Mike says we should cancel the Christmas dinner since the County is not out of purple zone, and large gatherings cannot be held, plus we have not had a response when calling The Villa restaurant. There have been two model T's damaged by fire this year. Mike also suggested that maybe a zoom safety workshop would help make cars safer.

Sunshine Report: No Report.

Librarian Report: No Report.

Webmaster Report: Nothing new. Steve Vining wants pictures from the tour to post.

Editor's Report: Nanette Chuck appreciates all the articles and photos that are contributed, but wants them delivered to her before the 22^{nd} of the Month so she has time to get them in before she has to snail mail the newsletter.

Membership Report: No new activates.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson said that there were only a few people that turned in pictures so since Ted Shimkowski turned in the most, he wins the photo contest, and will receive a year's membership and The Vintage Ford Magazine.

Old Business: Everyone voted to cancel the Christmas Party.

New Business: It was also discussed to carry-over our officers to the following year. Mike will contact everyone to see if they will continue to hold their positions.

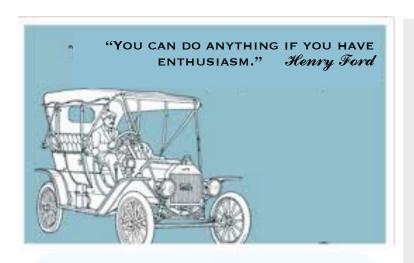
Model T Moments: Steve Vining sent the article and photos of Steve DePaoli's "Back-in-Time Fairlane Station" to Vintage Ford Magazine. Andy Clary mentioned that there are 2 new speedsters in the club now, Steve Chase and Dani McEachern. Cyrus may be interested in Dexter Clary's Vintage Ford magazines.

Dessert provided by: None

Adjourned at: 7:30

Respectfully submitted by,

Jean Chirhart, R.E.M.T.C. Secretary



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Bill

Nanette

Russ

Sandy

Jean

Dudley

Mary

Phil

Ken



Andy & Jeannine Clary - 15th

Ted & Dianna Shimkowski - 17th

Mike & Amy Buegeleisen - 18th

2020 HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHOUT-OUTS

Dan, David, Joan, Priscilla, Lana, Vince, Lloyd, Robert, Barbara, Nancy, Ray, Jack, Chris, Babara, Dodge, Gail

2020 Anniversary Shout Outs

David & Priscilla, Chris & Joan, Lana & Ray

Meeting Desserts for 2020

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

JANUARY 2nd - Jeannine Clary
FEBRUARY 6th - Fran Faraudo
MARCH 5th - Dianna Shimkowski
APRIL 2nd - Meeting was cancelled
MAY 7th - Meeting was cancelled
JUNE 4th - Meeting was cancelled
JULY 2nd - Chirhart's hosted meeting
AUGUST 6th - Vining's hosted meeting
SEPTEMBER 3rd - Cavalli's hosted meeting
OCTOBER 1st - smokey air - meeting cancelled
NOVEMBER 5th - Zoom Meeting
DECEMBER 3rd - Zoom Meeting

Part two

Of

Fall

Colors

Flash

Story and photo by Steve Cavalli

Thank you, Chris, for the wonderful fall colors tour on October 24th! You said, at the driver's meeting, that we would be traveling roads familiar to most of us! Whether it was the cold misty morning, or the changing foliage on the trees, none of those roads looked familiar!

We met at the Coddingtown parking lot about 9 a.m. Ted had just polished all of his brass on his beautiful 1914 Touring, and was furiously trying to wipe the unrelenting droplets of mist off of his head lights and the brand new brass gas canister on his running board! Chris had gone way above the call of duty by supplying individually wrapped donuts for all of us.

Debbie and I had our "T" out a few days before, and a gentleman saw our car and chased us for a couple of blocks, in his modern car, until we pulled over at a restaurant. He was enamored with our '25 Touring! We mentioned the Redwood Empire Model T Club and the upcoming Fall Colors Tour. Much to our surprise he and his wife (Ken and Cheryl) showed up the morning of the tour in their 1929 Model A hot rod! They followed us on

the tour and were impressed with the hospitality and friendliness of our club members. Now we just need to convince them to buy a "Model T"!

With everybody cold to the bone and a wet mist on our windshields we headed out for the tour. One of our newer members, Steve Chase, rode with Deb and I as his "T" was still in Southern California.

I didn't count the cars, but there must have been about 15, including the red Model A hot rod. We worked our way over back roads to River Road, crossed River Road and again worked our way toward Windsor. The weather report showed full sun by 11 a.m., but that just wasn't happening! We arrived in Windsor about 11:15 for "lunch" at one of the many restaurants with outdoor seating. The cold foggy morning and the early arrival time made it feel more like breakfast than lunch, and to our dismay, nothing was open yet!



Patience has its virtue, however, and soon restaurant workers were cleaning tables and setting up for the lunch "crowd". I think we were the only "crowd" that morning! Many of us DID order breakfast which they were willing to serve us!

Chris had arranged a special treat with the Gelato shop just down the street. Every club member was able to go down there and get a "free" Gelato cup! What a treat!



Finally the sun began to come out and the group began to disperse. A few members took off on their own, and the rest of us sort of got ourselves home by the route of our choice! Overall it was a wonderful tour despite the weather! It was great to see Rich and Betsy Randolph whose "T" recently caught on fire and is in Pete Rich's "hospital" for some antibiotics and an extensive "operation!"

Thank you, again, Chris Rich, for putting this together!

Attendees of the Fall Colors Flash Tour enjoyed Free gelatos

> Photo by Larry Summerfield

Choughts for 2020

This has been an extraordinarily taxing year with the Covid-19, fires here in Sonoma County, and the vitriol that both parties exuded from our nation's capital. At times it seems almost impossible to look at life in a positive way but we do have a lot to be grateful for.

It got me thinking about the word **GRATITUDE.** The dictionary definition is: the quality of feeling or being grateful or thankful.

Author Joshua Becker wrote the following about "The Benefits of Gratitude."

Gratitude reduces stress and makes us more resilient.

Gratitude helps us feel more positive emotions.

Gratitude unshackles us for toxic emotions.

Gratitude improves our self-esteem.

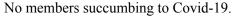
Gratitude decreases the symptoms of depression.

Gratitude helps us sleep better.

Gratitude improves our interpersonal relationships.

Gratitude enhances optimism.

We as a club have a lot to be grateful and thankful for!!



We were able to put on some great tours, even with the fires, and social distancing.

Our club having the ability to still get together for meetings, albeit outdoors.

At our tours and meetings, seeing familiar faces even though they were covered up with face masks. We could still see your smile through the twinkle in your eyes.

Grateful that we live in the best country on earth where we can practice our freedoms unchecked.

Jean and I are grateful to be part of a club that still knows how to enjoy life. We are grateful that we have our health; our children, and grandchildren are healthy and many of our close friends are still very active. We are looking forward to the holidays with cautious optimism, hoping to enjoy as much of our family and friends as possible.

We wish the same for you.

Mike & Jean Chirhart



More Announcements

from Mike, REMTC President

After discussions with the Board and Chairpersons, it was decided that with the Covid-19 situation all of us will keep our positions through 2021.

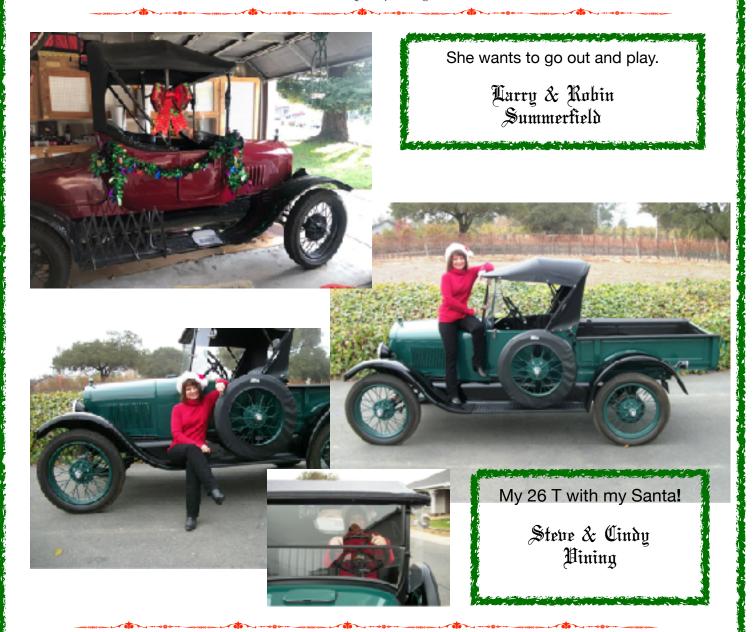
The only exception is *Sunshine Reporter*. If any of you are interested please contact me at 545-5883.

Due to Covid-19 impacting most of our events this past year the Board has decided that all members who paid their **dues** in 2020 will not have to pay any dues for 2021.

If any of you need to make any changes to the information in the **Member Roster** please forward it on to Nanette Chuck at: 4RnetMail@comcast.net.

This year has truly been the "Nightmare Before Christmas!"
Here's wishing you all that this Christmas brings you the gifts of Joy,
Love and Betterment to everyone's life for the years to come.

Sincerely, Richard Artli



Friends, we are coming up to the greatest day in history.....so great, in fact, that the whole world's dating system revolves around it! I am referring, of course, to the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, around which we celebrate Christmas.

So great was Jesus' impact on world culture that we divide our calendars around the event. All the years before His birth are mentioned as "B.C." (or before Christ), and the years after His birth are mentioned as A.D., which many think stand for, "after (His) death." It actually stands for the Latin "Anno Domini" or "The year of our Lord."

We "give" at Christmas, because He FIRST gave to us......laying down His life on the cross that the sins of the world might be forgiven.

Amidst all the stress, the clamor, the over eating, and the gift giving, let us just take a moment to remember what it is all about. Let us remember that "Jesus is the reason for the Season." Have a great Christmas, friends.

Sincerely, Steve and Debbie Cavalli



Steven Chase and friends
at the 1911 era Glen Tavern Inn
on a three day tour
hosted by the
Horseless Carriage Club of Southern California
in Santa Paula, California.

Photo Sharing and Tour Invites from Other T Clubs

May 31 - June 5, 2021 --- Mill Valley, California USA

The Golden Gate Tour III

hosted by the Model T Ford Club of Southern California.

Come join us for six fun-filled days of touring in Marin County and Sonoma's Alexander Valley with a day across the Golden Gate Bridge to the Presidio National Park and the Tall Ship Historical Museum. A three day hub featuring the Golden Gate Recreation Area, Muir Woods National Monument, Fort Baker, Sausalito, Bolinas, Stinson Beach, and the Marin coast, ...followed by another three day hub touring the northern grasslands, the wine country, redwoods, and the central coast through Tomales and Bodega Bays and Pt Reyes Station.

For info contact: Lee Chase or son Steven at (323) 497-0601 or email NewNorthSouth@gmail.com

Hello Everyone,

How about joining us in the Palm Springs area for a weekend winter tour? Starting with sunset cocktails, January 15th.

It is their high season, yet we were able to secure rooms at the dazzling Desert Hot Springs Spa surrounding their natural hot mineral pool garden. \$95/night. This outdoor paradise comes complete with a full bar and Italian patio dining.

Check it out at the link below:

We will be spending one day touring Joshua Tree National Park and another going to the Palm Springs Air Museum, (link below), for a special docent led tour of their extensive collection, followed by lunch above Palm Springs at the Ritz Carlton Resort. Monday morning's route is yet to be sketched out but there are many fun drives in the Coachella Valley. Please suggest ideas for this day whether you plan on attending or not. We also are looking for a trouble-truck and driver.

Model Ts and Horseless Carriages are encouraged to join in. It will be a lot of fun and will get us out of our houses. The Tour Flyer is attached below. We hope to see you there.

Palm Springs Air Museum; https://palmspringsairmuseum.org/

Desert Hot Springs Spa; http://dhsspa.com/

Your leaders, Lee Chase, ...and son, Steven





SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH – MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH

Rooms have been reserved at the Desert Hot Springs Spa Hotel 10805 Palm Dr, Desert Hot Springs, California 92240

The rate is just \$312.95 for three nights, including tax, for an <u>upstairs</u>, two-queen room. Other rooms and rates are available at additional charge. (Note, there is no elevator.)

Plan to arrive Friday evening for an early Saturday morning departure.

Call Desert Hot Springs Spa Hotel (760) 329-6000 Reference **Model T Ford Club, Group Code 135083**

The special rate expires on December 31, 2020, so book early if you plan to go.

Tour fee is \$35.00 per person.

Questions?

Contact Lee or Steven Chase (323) 497-0601

Or NewNorthSouth@gmail.com

We are looking for someone willing to drive a Trouble Truck. Contact Steven.

Make your check payable and mail your deposit to:

Debbie Francis / Joshua Tree Tour, 2640 Jurado Ave, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

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Passenger(s) Names______
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