

# THE PEDAL PUSHER

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### From the Editor

REMTC Members:

Starting next month in January 2024, Cyrus Estes will be the new Editor of this *Pedal Pusher* newsletter.

Please begin sending your articles, photographs, humor, ads, and any other items of interest to him at his email address: [cyrus.estes33@gmail.com](mailto:cyrus.estes33@gmail.com) so he can begin to prepare for the next issue.

I have enjoyed the last 5 years as the Editor of the *Pedal Pusher*, and being the co-producer of the Roster. Richard and I were proud to bring color photos of our members to the Roster so you can easily identify and get to know everyone.

It's a small world . . . when we joined our new club/s/ here, people asked us if we knew Donna (and others from REMTC) whom they had met on tours! Incidentally, the Denver club's newsletter is also named the *Pedal Pusher*!

We hope to make it back to your area to join you on the road for future T tours, and maybe we will see you at a National (MTFCA) or an International (MTFCI) club tour.

Happy Holidays, *Nanette*

### 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.

**REMTC Website**  
[www.remtc.org](http://www.remtc.org)

### NATIONAL AFFILIATION

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### 2023 BOARD MEMBERS

- President.....John Girman
- Vice President .....Steve Vining
- Secretary..... Sandy O'Halloran
- Treasurer .....Patty Girman
- Past-President .....Mike Chirhart

### CHAIRPERSONS

- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Tours.....Mike Chirhart                  | Historian.....Jeanne Nelson         |
| Membership .....Ted Shimkowski           | Newsletter Editor.....Nanette Chuck |
| Sunshine Reporter..... Dianna Shimkowski | Roster.....Richard Chuck            |
| Scholarship.....Jeannine Clary           | Webmaster.....Steve Vining          |
| Scholarship.....Andy Clary               | Webmaster.....Cyrus Estes           |

## *President's Message*

Happy Holidays to REMTC!

It's the season to be thankful and our club has a lot to be thankful for. We had a really good year with some great tours and events. I'm thankful that REMTC is so active. I'm also thankful for all the camaraderie of the club. Club members really get along and are active in helping the club be successful. While we mostly take this for granted, it isn't true of all clubs. I'm impressed with all that members take on to make this a good club. I will be stepping aside as President but I enjoyed working with the club members these past two years.

That is also true of the officers of the REMTC and the chairs of the various committees. While nothing is official until the voting at the December meeting, it looks like we'll have a good slate of nominees to vote on. Thanks to Andy Clary and Tim McCallister for working on getting nominees.

I'd also like to thank the departing officers. Sandy O'Halloran did a great job as secretary and I appreciate her diligence and also her consul, especially during meetings. I'm not sure if Steve Vining will continue as Vice President but, regardless, I have to thank him for his advice and assistance during the past two years. He made my job a lot easier. Patty Girman is not departing but I have to thank her for managing the club's finances. She diligently tracked our spending and also did a lot of research on the club's past resolutions and practices regarding expenditures. And, Mike Chirhart. He worked tirelessly to make sure that REMTC had tours and events throughout the year and the results show it. Richard Chuck did yeoman's work to create and maintain the REMTC Roster. And now, Nanette Chuck will be stepping aside as Newsletter Editor. She really raised the bar for the Pedal Pusher, seemingly with ease. We will miss her efforts. Great job by all of them. There are others that should be thanked but space doesn't permit.

At the next meeting, we'll have the election of officers. Also, dues of \$30 are due. If you haven't already done so, you can renew at the meeting. Remember also that the Christmas Dinner is coming up on December 10 at 5:00 pm. As always, it should be a nice event. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy (or two) for REMTC's donation to Toys for Tots to the Dinner, the December meeting or make arrangements with the Clary's.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting and the Christmas Dinner.

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

*John Girman*

**Redwood Empire Model T Club**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

**November 2, 2023,**

**Attendance:** 25 members in attendance.

**President:** John Girman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked about plans for Thanksgiving.

**Secretary's Report:** Sandy O'Halloran read the Old and New Business for October 2023. There was a motion to accept the minutes as recorded by Dianna Shimkowski and seconded by Jeannine Clary. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Patty Girman read the treasurer's Report.

**Sunshine Report:** Dianna Shimkowski said she didn't send any cards out this month. However, Gwen Brown is going to have hip surgery soon.

**Tour Report:** Mike Chirhart talked about the last tour for this year coming up on Saturday. Of course, it depends on the weather. We will meet at Piner High School for a Boys Scout Pancake Breakfast and then have a short tour around the area. Mike also wanted to thank the club for all the support he and Jean received this year. He also wanted to thank all for a successful T&A Tour and a special thanks to Sebastian Ambra for being the trouble-truck driver. John Girman also wanted to thank Tim McCallister for the Packard Tour.

**Webmaster Report:** Steve Vining was absent. He is traveling.

**Editor's Report:** John Girman wanted everyone to think about who the next Editor for the club might be.

**Membership Report:** Ted Shimkowski said, "nothing to report this month."

**Historian Report:** Jeanie Nelson was absent.

**Scholarship Report:** Andy Clary says, "nothing new this month."

**Old Business:** Jimmy Long talked about the *Drive-a-T* event. He has talked to the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, and has asked anyone who may have suggestions for where we can do this event, to please give him a call. John Girman reminded all that it is Dues time. Dianna Shimkowski reminded everyone about Christmas Dinner at Cattlemen's in Petaluma 5-8 p.m. \$60 per person and vintage attire is optional. Remember to bring an unwrapped child's gift for *Toys for Tots*. John talked about nominations for the upcoming year's Board. We still are looking for President, Vice President, Secretary, Tour Director, and Editor.

**New Business:** Patty Girman talked about a "fast finder" list she has from a different club and the benefits for having it. It basically is a list of all members and their phone numbers. It can be carried with us as we tour. Patty has made one for us and it will be included with the rosters.

**Model T Moments:** Andy Clary had a show and tell item. A GPS Speedometer purchased from Amazon for \$13. Search under Heads up Display. Bob Salomon shared his disappointment in our T&A tour regarding the speed of it. When he joined the club, it was to enjoy touring together with other T's. This tour seemed to be a race to the destination, not touring together as a club. He was in the back of the tour, and if not for the Nelson's waiting for him when he fell behind, he would have been completely on his own. Donna Jones agreed how difficult it can be, especially when traveling alone (no navigator). We will continue to work on this issue of slowing down. Final Model T Moment was shared by Andy Clary. He is planning a *Shop Day* every month at his home starting next year. Andy Clary sold his Pickup this month.

**Dessert Provided by:** Pam and Don Johnson

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Sebastian Ambra, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean Chirhart, motion carried. Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

*Sandy O'Halloran,* 

REMTC Secretary

**DECEMBER**  
**BIRTHDAYS**



**December 2023**  
**Anniversaries**

Jordan Satrap

Mark Hogan

Bill Newlin

Nanette Chuck

Sandy O'Halloran

Jean Chirhart

Dudley Stone

Mary McEachern

Karen Plevney

*Mike & Amy Buegeleisen*

*Ted & Dianna Shimkowski*

*Andy & Jeannine Clary*

**Dues are Due**

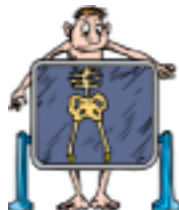
Send your dues to

Patty Girman, REMTC Treasurer

**REPAIRS and RESTORATION**  
**Get well**



As reported by our *Sunshine Lady*,  
Dianna Shimkowski



Gwen Brown is  
scheduled for hip surgery.

**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**

# THE RUNNING BOARD

information provided by *Mike Chirhart*, Tour Chairman

## DECEMBER 2023

Watch for “**Drive A Lizzy**” learn to drive a T - hosted by Jimmy Long

### **CONTACT the Election Committee**

**Call:** **Andy Clary** or **Tim McCallister**

to submit your nominee for the following positions  
and to read the job descriptions

### **Nominees for 2024 Board Positions**

President - nominee is Andy Clary

Vice President - nominee is Tim McCallister

Secretary - nominee is Jeannine Clary

Treasurer - nominee is Patty Girman

Past President - John Girman

### **Volunteers for Chairperson Positions**

Tours - Steve Vining

Membership - Ted Shimkowski

Newsletter Editor - Cyrus Estes

Roster - Patty Girman

Historian - Jeanne Nelson

Sunshine Reporter - Dianna Shimkowski

Webmaster - Steve Vining

Scholarship - John Girman

### **Thursday, December 7th**

**Election of Officers at the Monthly Meeting**

### **Sunday, December 10th - Christmas Dinner**

at Cattleman's Restaurant in Petaluma



# T and A Tour

by Andy Clary

It was a sunny Saturday morning and the **T**'s and **A**'s filtered into the parking lot of the Washoe House for the annual **T and A Tour**, this year hosted by the Redwood Empire Model T Club. By 9:30AM, we had become reacquainted, had some donuts, and were ready to go. We passed through southern Sonoma County and into Northern Marin. After traveling some great backroads and some time on Highway One, we arrived at the Bear Valley Visitor Center, Pt. Reyes National Seashore. Everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch, and after a little exploration, we were ready to hit-the-road for part 2.

We traveled up Highway One and came in the back side of Sebastopol to Steve DePaoli's Fairlane Farms. At Steve's everyone enjoyed root beer floats and treats while exploring the eclectic surroundings of Fairlane Farms.

After a day of touring, the crowd slowly dispersed and the 2023 **T and A Tour** was over. Thanks to Steve and CeCe Depaoli, Steve and Cindy Vining, and Jeannine and Andy Clary for putting together the tour. Big thanks to Sebastian Ambra for driving the trouble truck.





**T and A Tour** - continued  
Pictures on this page and the previous page  
by *Ted Shimkowski*





# REMTC Renewal and Roster Information for 2024

Dues of \$30 (single/couple at the same address) are due on January 1st and delinquent February 1st

NEW MEMBERS BE SURE YOU HAVE SENT IN

A **PHOTO of your face**/not your Model T (No sunglasses) to: [jrgplg@aol.com](mailto:jrgplg@aol.com)

Youth/Student (under 18 years or full-time student) are Free

Honorary (Charter members over the age of 85 years) are Free

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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1st Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emails: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (Month /Day - NOT Year) You: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary (Month /Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive your Newsletter by: Mail or. Email? (Circle one)

Model T (s) owned: FILL OUT COMPLETELY, mark if "no changes." Year/ Body/ Style/ Color

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Our members are encouraged to join the National Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA) because Redwood Empire Model T Club's (REMTC) affiliation with the National club requires at least 51% member participation. Membership in MTFCA includes the Vintage Ford magazine which lists national tours, and Model T information.

Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA) Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

MTFCA Renewal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(your MTFCA membership number is on the renewal card of the Vintage Ford magazine and it is in the Roster).

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