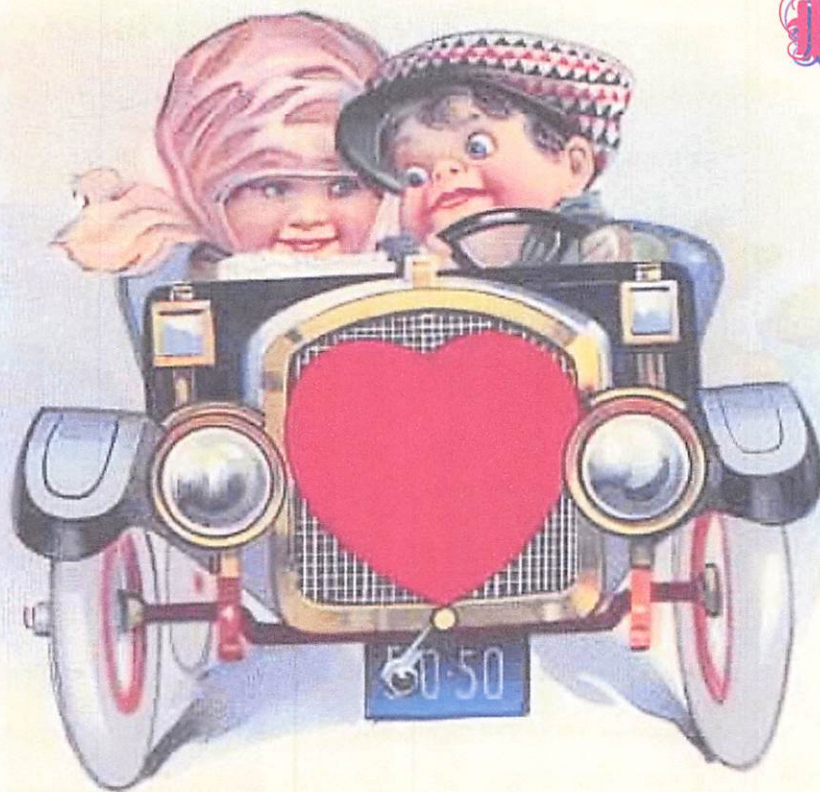


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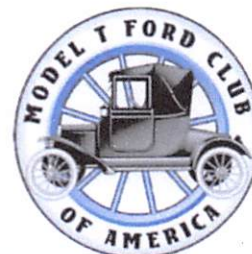
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well the year is off to a sunny start. It looks like some of our members had a fun time at the Joshua Tree Tour. The weather couldn't have been any better down there in Southern California. I'm getting anxious to go out and do some local touring but this is Northern California, and we are supposed to have wet rainy weather. Yes, I know it's coming, and we are all leery about trying to plan anything ... even a couple of weeks in advance.

If any of you have suggestions, drop either Larry Summerfield or myself an email. Until then, stay healthy and get your T's ready for the upcoming season. Looking forward to touring ... sooner rather than later.

Best Regards,

Mike Chirhart

CHAPTER INFORMATION

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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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January 7, 2021
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Redwood Empire Model T Club
Held via ZOOM, Santa Rosa, CA

President: Mike Chirhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: Thirteen households all Board Members and Chairpersons were present for a total of 22.

Secretary's Report: Jean Chirhart read the minutes and they were approved by Steve Vining and seconded by Patty Girman.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Vining said there was no income and checks were written to The Redwood Empire Foodbank, Ceres Community Project, and Nanette Chuck for Newsletter supplies. We still have a nice balance. It was approved by Andy Clary and seconded by Ted Shimkowski.

Tour Report: Larry Summerfield said no new tours. Discussion followed about the tour in So. California that is supposedly still a go, but no one was interested in going because Covid is so bad down that way.

Special Events: There was talk about a safety clinic, but it was decided we needed to wait longer before making a date. However, **the safety list form from MTFCA will be put into the next Pedal Pusher.**

FORM ATTACHED BELOW AT END OF NEWSLETTER

Sunshine Report: Diana Shimkowski sent a card to Earl Holtz. He has gone into Hospice after going to the hospital before Christmas with an infection, and discovering that his cancer had returned very aggressively. It was decided to send out word to everyone when a member has a severe medical problem.

Librarian Report: Patty Girman---Nothing

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining--Nothing

Editor's Report: Nanette Chuck had nothing to report, but Mike made a comment about how great the newsletter was, and everyone liked the links she put in.

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski said we have a new member---Ken Caldwell---and had hoped he'd join us tonight, but hadn't.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson---Nothing

Old Business: Discussion on the new member bags. There were a few more items listed and people agreed that the new members from last year should receive them along with the future members.

New Business: A few people noticed we didn't have a new calendar for 2021. So it was decided we would work on putting one together for 2022.

Model T Moments: Steve Nelson has a 1919 Pickup, which needs lots of restoration, for sale and will put the info in the newsletter. Andy Clary shared that the speedster Steve Chase purchased from Warren Welsh had everything painted really well and everything was dry, but there was no grease in the Zerk fittings. Dan McEachern shared a picture of Dani's car that they are restoring.

Dessert provided by: None

Adjourned at: 7:47 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Jean Chirhart, REMTC Secretary

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Brett Randolph

WELCOME NEW R.E.M.T.C. MEMBERS

KEN and CHERYL
CALDWELL

ZOOM MEETING DATES MEMBERS & GUESTS, PLEASE JOIN US

JANUARY 7th
FEBRUARY 4th
MARCH 4th
APRIL 1st
MAY 6th
JUNE 3rd
JULY 1st
AUGUST 5th
SEPTEMBER 2nd
OCTOBER 7th
NOVEMBER 4th
DECEMBER 2nd



Steve & Jeannie Nelson

Richard & Betsy Randolph

Pat & Sandy O'Halloran

Bob & Jayne Jones

Joe & Leslie Konvalinka

Vince & Joan Gregoire

2021 REMTC NEWS AND DUES

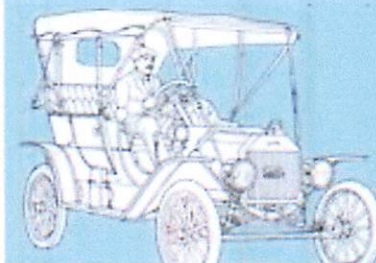
Students, the newsletter would like to hear from you. Take photos of your T projects and send them to the newsletter. To contribute, email your articles and photos to the Pedal Pusher newsletter Editor for the March issue.

THANK YOU to every-one who has contributed to the Pedal Pusher newsletter. If you haven't contributed yet, everyone is encouraged to do so.

We have received some inquiries from members wanting to pay their dues for 2021. As announced in the December Pedal Pusher, "due to Covid-19 restrictions, any member who had paid their REMTC dues for 2020 will not have to pay any membership dues for 2021." *Mike Chirhart*

If there are any changes/additions to your profile for the **ROSTER**, please email/mail them to *Nanette Chuck*.

**"YOU CAN DO ANYTHING IF YOU HAVE
ENTHUSIASM."** *Henry Ford*





MTFCA Membership

Each year the **Model T Ford Club of America (M.T.F.C.A.)** requests that each chapter confirm the affiliation of their membership.

In order for our local REMTC chapter to be certified for the Chapter **General Liability Insurance** from March 6, 2020 through March 5, 2021, we need a minimum of 50% of our REMTC chapter members to also be members of the National MTFCA.

Just a reminder, that the REMTC board decided to forgo this year's REMTC dues to our club, however, you will still need to renew your National membership to MTFCA. It is only \$40 a year and you receive the *Vintage Ford* magazine.

If you have made a change from your last year's MTFCA membership status, you will need to contact Jean Chirhart, REMTC Secretary, with your MTFCA number which can be found on your *Vintage Ford* magazine address label, or you can call MTFCA (765) 373-3106 to get your member number.

Please respond back to Jean Chirhart, REMTC Secretary, by February 15th.
(707) 849-7332 jean.chirhart@comcast.net

FOR SALE

1919 Model T open pickup. According to Dan Treace who does a lot of research for the MTFCA the body may have been built by Babcock who built Ford bodies. Ford experimented with many styles of truck bodies in the late teens. He stated the all metal body and wooden pickup box shows the type of quality they were known for. The car has been in our family since 1958 and has been stored at my barn for over 30 years . The car is not running (needs wiring) the engine was built by Dan McEachern and ran well when parked. and turns over freely. I also have the parts for a top and a pickup bed canopy. Asking \$4,000



Steve Nelson
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Last Minute Addition

Car trailer for model T, single axel, no title, \$500.00
Bob Jones, 714 608 1874, at Vince Gregoire's



*January 2021
Pasadena, California at The Rose Bowl and famous Rose Parade
during the Covid Pandemic
Theme: "Getting Through the Unexpected Together"*



Greetings Antique Auto Enthusiasts and Friends,

The largest annual antique auto show in the West is planned for Sunday, September 19, 2021. Save the date and also pass the date to your club members and friends. It is our hope that events will be back to normal by this time.

The 21th annual Antique Autos in History Park (AAHP), 635 Phelan Ave., San José, CA. 95112 ... a Living History Day... is presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José. AAHP welcomes all period-correct pre-1946 vehicles.

In addition to many antique vehicles, there will be participation by the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, displays of Early Crafts and Antique Collectibles, a Dixieland Band, Singers, Dancers, Barbershop Quartet, Blacksmith Shop Demos, Trolley Rides, History San José Open Houses, and Kids Activities.

Bring the family for a day of viewing, entertainment, and fun.

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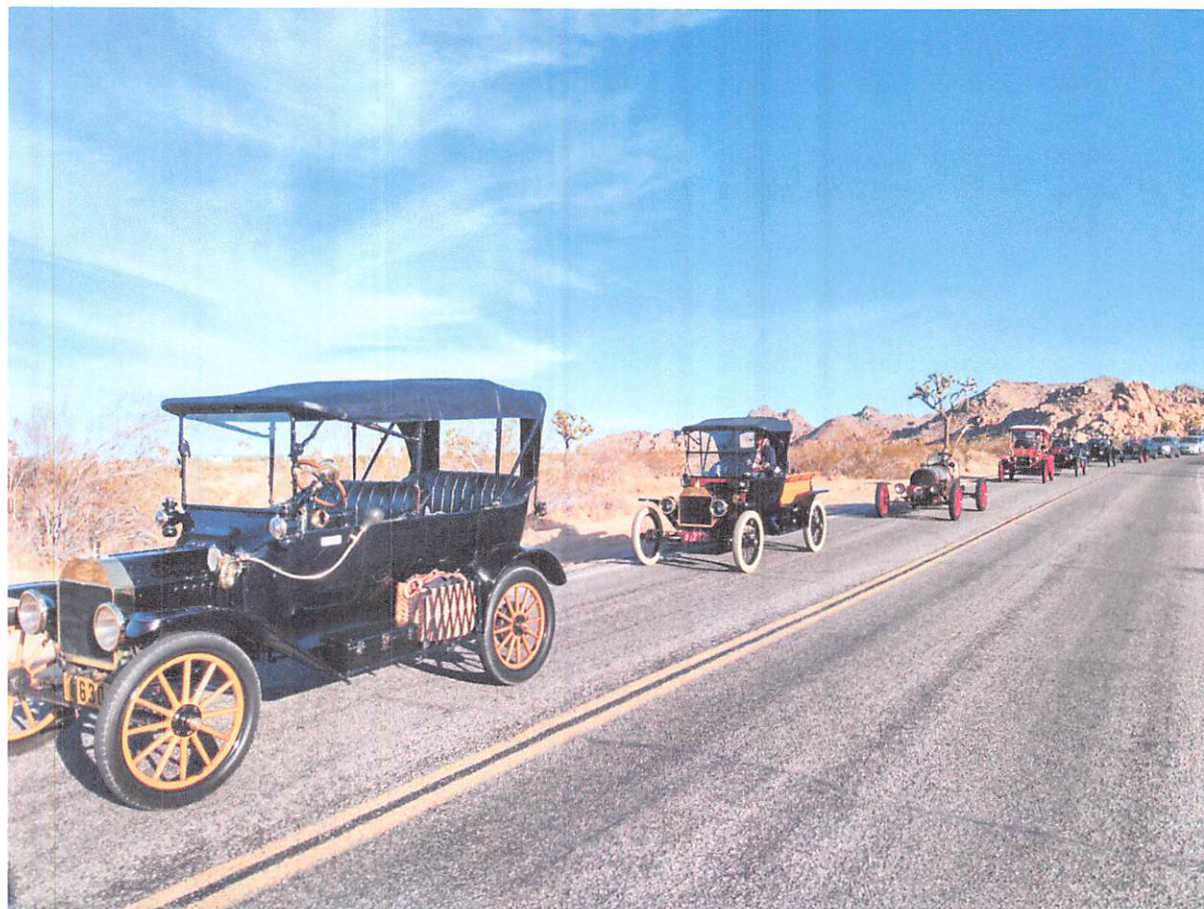
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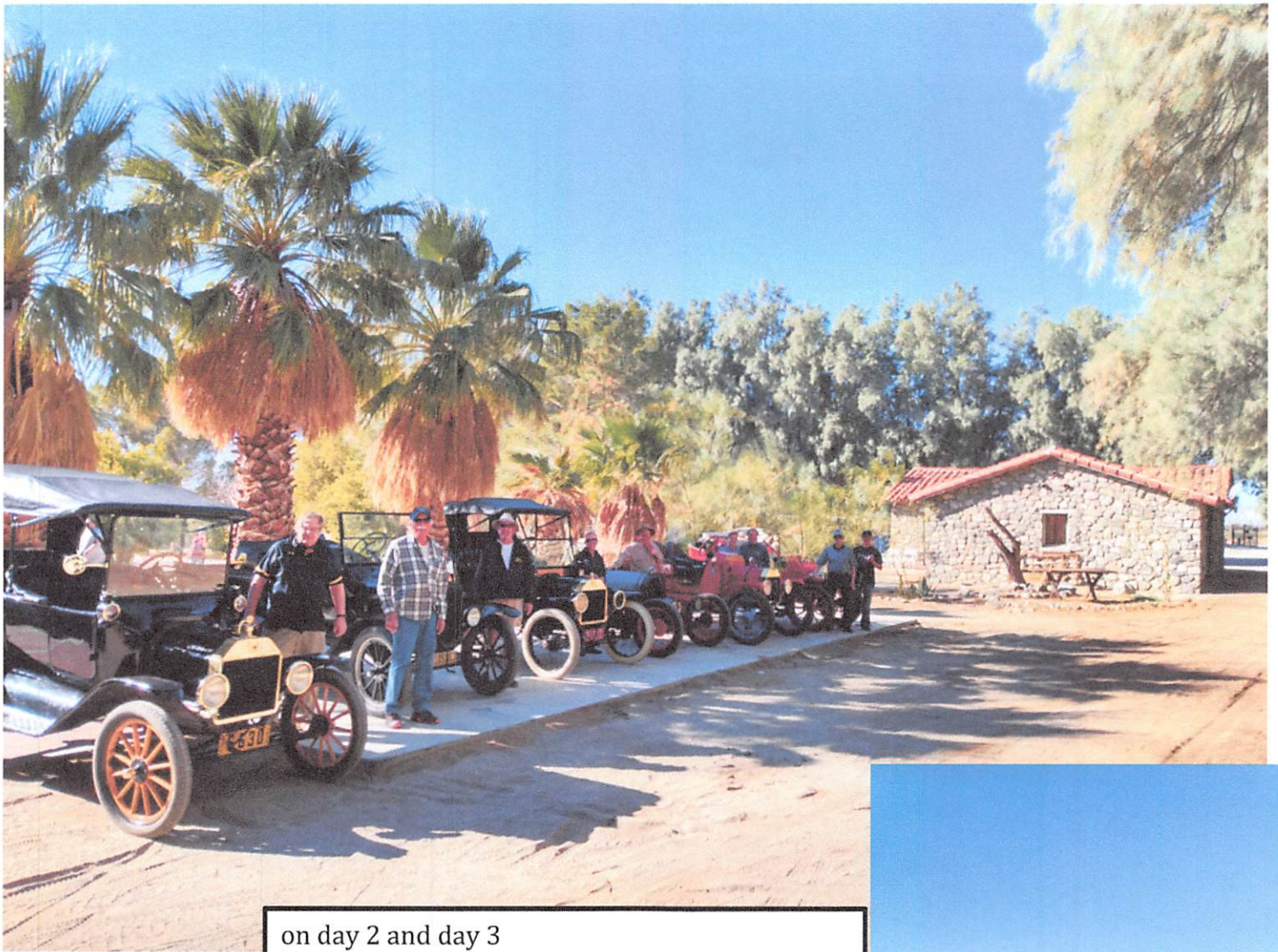
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JOSHUA TREE TOUR

Twelve cars carrying 25 people, some being REMTC members, including Jim and Marge Pappakostas, Steven Chase, Bob and Jayne Jones, and Donna Jones, and many from other car clubs. The southern California sun made beautiful touring days.





on day 2 and day 3

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Miracle Springs Spa Resort in Desert Hot Springs - our fee was \$38 per night!



From Steve and Debbie Cavalli:

Deb and I are heading to the Dominican Republic January 15th for two weeks. By the time the newsletter is printed, we will likely be back!

The first week we will be staying at our time share, The Melia Caribe Beach Hotel, in Punta Cana. It is a beautiful 5 star resort with an amazing quarter acre swimming pool and white sandy beach.

The second week we will travel 6 hours across the island to stay out in the village with some dear local people we met on previous trips to the Dominican Republic. Our friend, Jhonnatan, (Center in the picture in the stripped shirt), is a devout Christian. God has raised him up as a mighty preacher of the gospel to the Dominican people. His father-in law, Raphael, (to the right of Jhonnatan) is a pastor. I am scheduled to preach in his church on January 24th. All of them are very poor, by American standards, but so rich in the things of God! Such loving and gracious people could not be found anywhere in the world! The blue house is Raphael's. A family of 5 live there!

Our oldest daughter, Tasha, (thinking she might soon lose me to this cancer), is coming with us! Deb and I have not had 2 consecutive hours with Tasha since she was 17 years old, and if we DID get 2 hours with her, it was usually in a group setting, like Christmas, Thanksgiving, or a Birthday Party. Now we will have 2 WEEKS with her and she will get to see what her Dad and Mom do when we travel to these 3rd world countries! We are all about the gospel!

Regarding our Model T, it has never run better! As some of you know, Pete Rich rebuilt the engine back in June or July, but it never ran right. Rough starting and backfiring and poor power was the norm, rather than the exception. It went back to Pete's "hospital" again just before Christmas for a tune up! There were several problems, including a bad coil, but now she purrs like a kitten. What a joy to drive a "T" that is running right!

Ted and Diana.....it seems you are fans of Hallmark Christmas movies. We found a real "sleeper" on Amazon prime video called, "A Christmas Snow." Even though Christmas is past, I encourage ALL of you to watch that movie! The acting was great and the plot will really take you by surprise!

Have a great New Year, everybody. We love and miss you all! Hopefully we will see you on some amazing Spring and Summer tours!

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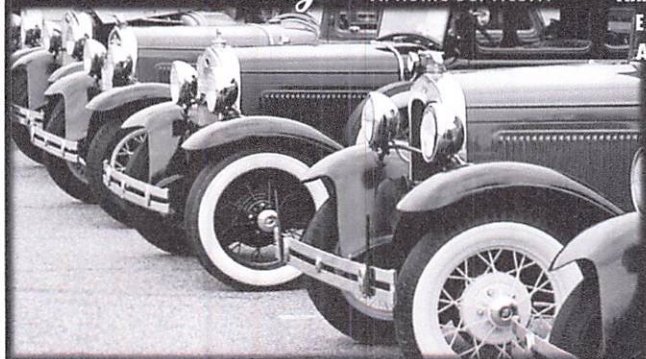
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<p>Brakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brake pedal (and, reverse pedal) bottom out before reaching floorboards _____ • Both rear wheels lock-up under hard braking _____ 	<p><i>Note: Auxiliary brakes are highly recommended for stock cars and should be installed if car has an auxiliary transmission</i></p>
<p>Emergency Brakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand brake sets securely before limit of its travel (check pawl and spring) and both rear wheels lock _____ <p><i>Note: The hand brake must be able to hold the car with the engine running and should be able to hold car on a moderate slope.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) Installed on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Control shaft assembly to frame (4 required) _____ ⇒ Brake shoe bolt [2 (1 per side)] _____ ⇒ Brake rods [4 (1 per end)] _____
<p>Engine/Power Train</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil leaks – within acceptable limits _____ • Gasoline leaks-none, when parked (in-line shutoff valve recommended) _____ • Cotter pins installed on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Carburetor rod [2 (1 per end)] _____ ⇒ Choke/carburetor adjustment rod [1 at carburetor] _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Commutator rod [2 (1 per end)] _____ ⇒ Crankcase arm to frame [4(2 per side)] _____ ⇒ Low speed connector [2 (1 per end)] _____ ⇒ Universal ball cap [2 (top bolts)] – bottom two cap screws safety-wired together) _____ ⇒ Fan bolt (on earlier cars) _____

Wheels ⇒ Spokes (and felloes on earlier cars) are tight _____ ⇒ Front wheel bearings—no play, good condition and greased _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All wheels tight and axle/spindle nuts cotter-keyed _____ • Lug nuts tight on demountable rims _____ • Checked tires for wear, weather cracks, rim cuts, etc. _____
Rear Axle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rear wheel nuts tight and secured with cotter pins (use long wrench) _____ • Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed: ⇒ Rear spring to frame [4 required] _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rear spring hangers (shackles) [4 (2 per side)] _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Rear spring perches to wheel flanges (backing plates) [2 (1 per side)] _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ No oil leaks at outer seals _____ ⇒ Check differential gear case oil level _____
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lights functional _____ • Brake light (may not be original equipment, but recommended) _____ • Safety glass in windshield; all other, safety glass strongly recommended _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rear view mirrors(s) _____ • Fire extinguisher _____ • First Aid kit _____ • Current Car Registration _____ • Current Proof of Insurance _____