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President's Message

Redwood Empire Model Ters,

By the time you read this, Pete Rich will have given his talk on transmissions in the Under the Hood series. As I sit here, I'm looking forward to hearing what he has to say about the Model T transmission. While I've changed bands and have seen demonstrations on the Model T transmission, it still has an air of mystery to me. E.W. White captured that in his essay, *Fairwell To Model T*, "*The Model T was distinguished from all other makes of cars by the fact that it's transmission was of a type known as planetary-which was half metaphysics, half sheer fiction. Engineers accepted the word 'planetary' in its epicyclic sense, but I was always conscious that it also meant 'wandering,' erratic'.*" All this is just to say, I'm looking forward to Pete's talk and learning more.

Mike Chirhart has been busy organizing other tours and events. In February, I'll be talking about oil and the Model T. (See the notice elsewhere in the Pedal Pusher.) Andy Clary will be speaking about ignition tune-up in March.

In January, the REMTC Board of Directors and the Chairpersons had a productive and sometimes lively meeting. The topics covered are summarized elsewhere in the Pedal Pusher.

Hope you're taking advantage of the break in the weather to get your Model T in touring condition and ready for the safety check. I'm working on mine as my aching back allows.

Dues payments have been coming in. Have you sent yours in already?

John Girman

CHAPTER INFORMATION

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or for a family in the same household.

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emailed REMTC newsletter.

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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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Redwood Empire Model T Club

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2023

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

Attendance: 20 members in attendance.

President: John Girman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed all to our first meeting of 2023. He told us he was recovering from pneumonia and was doing well. He also shared Mike Chirhart was out with Covid and so far Jean did not get it.

Secretary's Report: Sandy O'Halloran read the Secretary's Report for December 2022. Motion to accept was made by Andy Clary and seconded by Tim McCallister. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Girman shared the monthly Treasurer's Report. She also reminded all that dues are due.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski shared that she sent condolence cards to the families of Russ Donahue (\$50 donation to be sent to Shriners in Sacramento), and of Lloyd Butler (\$50 donation to be sent at a later date after talking with family). Get well cards were sent to Steve Cavalli (surgery), Vince Gregoire, Pete Rich and Chris Rich (Covid). Additional get-well cards were sent to Cece DePaoli, Fran Faraudo, Mal and Gwen Brown and Dan, Mary, and Dani McEachern, all who were under the weather.

Tour Report: Mike Chirhart was out with Covid. John Girman shared that having spoken with Mike he wanted the club to know that he is planning on having the next 6 months of upcoming tours for this year all planned by end of February. Any members that have ideas for upcoming tours let Mike know. Under the Hood is currently scheduled for March.

Librarian's Report: Jeannine Clary shared that no one checks out books. Do we want to continue the library? More discussion to follow.

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining shared nothing new. The calendar may have issues, is looking into it. It seems if one person is in it a second person may not be able to get into the website at the same time.

Editor's Report: John Girman reported for Nanette Chuck, all is well. The last issue was nice and keep the articles coming.

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski said no new activity.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson reported the 2022 album will be ready next month.

Scholarship Report: Andy Clary shared nothing new to report.

Old Business: -Thanks were given to Dianna Shimkowski and Patty Girman for the wonderful job they did putting on the Christmas Party. April Safety Check will be at the Pancake Breakfast at the Nelson's, this year. Dues are due. As of this meeting about 50% of the club have renewed their dues.

Donations of \$200 were discussed. Steve Cavalli suggested our donation this year go to Samaritan's Purse. Steve Vining suggested Council on Aging. Tim McCallister moved to split the donation between the two organizations, Steve Cavalli 2nd it. The motion didn't pass. A second motion was made to give the \$200 donation to Council on Aging, Mike Buegeleisen 2nd, the motion carried. Rich and Betsy Randolph spoke to John Girman and said they gave their model T to their son so they won't be driving it on our tours this year but wish to remain in the club and will attend some events. Steve and Cece DePaoli sent the club a nice Christmas Card and it was passed around for all to see.

New Business: Christmas dinner/lunch was discussed because we must get our reservations on the books early to be sure we get a reservation. The date will be December 10th or 17th. Dianna Shimkowski and Steve Nelson will be checking with Cattlemen's, and Volpi's in Petaluma, and Washoe House, or Foxtail Golf Course. John Girman said there will be a Board Meeting planned for later in the month. He would like the Board and the Committee Chairs to attend and anyone from the club who would like to be there.

Model T Moments: No model T moment shared this month.

Dessert Provided by: Jeannine Clary

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Sandy O'Halloran, REMTC Secretary



February 2023 Anniversaries

Steve & Jeanne Nelson

Vince & Joan Gregoire.

Joe & Leslie Konvalinka

Steve & Jeanne Nelson

Patrick & Sandy O'Halloran

Rihard & Betsy Randolph

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



BRETT RANDOLPH

WE WANT TO GET OUR REGISTRATION
TO NATIONAL CLUB **ON TIME**
SO WE CAN QUALIFY FOR THE INSURANCE
AND UPDATE OUR ROSTERS

If you plan to be with us this year
and

If you haven't taken a moment
to pay your **DUES**
Please do so

NOW

Renewal Form is on the
last page of this newsletter

REMTC needs your help

REMTC Newsletters

We are missing the newsletters from
the years 2000, 2001 and 2004.

If you have any of these and are willing to let us make
copies,

please contact
Patty Girman, jrgplg@aol.com
or

Sandy O'Halloran, quilt14me@att.net

REPAIRS and RESTORATION



Con felt the burn of the **PAIN**
went to visit E.R.
and got meds for sciatica

Hope you are feeling better since having
to take time out to get well...Cece, Fran, Mal, Gwen,
Dan, Mary, Dani, Con.

Recovering from Covid...Mike, Vince G., Pete, Chris.

Recovering from surgery...Steve C.

Recovering from pneumonia...John.



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 6TH -

FEBRUARY 3RD - JEANNINE CLARY

MARCH 3RD - DIANNA SHIMKOWSKI

APRIL 7TH - FRAN FARAUDO

MAY 5TH - SANDY O'HALLORAN

JUNE 2ND - JEAN CHIRHART

JULY 7TH - CYRUS ESTES

AUGUST 4TH - PAM JOHNSON

SEPTEMBER 1ST - SEBASTIAN AMBRA

OCTOBER 6TH - CINDY VINING

NOVEMBER 3RD - GWEN BROWN

DECEMBER - 1ST - PATTY GIRMAN

THE RUNNING BOARD

Hello REMTC members,

I have listed below the schedule for 2023 tours and events. Right now we are booked through the end of April. I have listed suggestions for the rest of the months to get you all thinking about “do I want to do this tour”. Please feel free to contact me at either 707-545-5883 or mike.chirhart@comcast.net. Tours are not that hard to do. I am more than willing to sit down with you and discuss how it works. My suggestions are only suggestions for the May through November months so you can make any kind of changes you want. We need to step up now for the overnight tour. Again I can help. I have all of the tours that the club has done over the years which I can share with you. Just so you know, there is a \$400.00 stipend to cover any costs you might incur in setting this event up. The T & A tour, I would like 2 people/couples to help in setting this up. This is our year and I want to make it as good as or better than the A’s last year’s tour.

Looking forward to hearing from you. *Mike Chirhart*, Tour Chairperson

Schedule of Events for REMTC 2023

January: Under the Hood Garage Seminar “**Anatomy of a Model T Transmission.**” Presented by: Pete Rich. January 28,

9:30 AM social and refreshments, 10:00 AM presentation. Hosted by Mike & Jean Chirhart.

February: Under the Hood Garage Seminar, “**Oil & the Model T: Tribology & You.**” What to look for and debunking a few myths. Presented by: John Girman. February 25th. Hosted by Steve and Cindy Vining. 9:30 AM social and refreshments, 10:00 AM presentation

March: Under the Hood Garage Seminar, “**The Hows and Whys of the Model T Ignition System.**” Presented by: Andy Clary. 9:00 AM refreshments and shoebox swap meet (if you have something you want to sell bring it) more info on this to come next month. 10:00 AM presentation.

April: Tulare Swap Meet, April 14.

Pancake Feed/Safety Clinic April 22, starts 8:30 AM, Hosted by Steve & Jeanne Nelson.

Old Time Fiddle Association Show and Shine, April 29th, 12:00 noon until ...Sebastopol Community Center.

May: “Calistoga Spring Run.” Nice time of the year for this. Who will volunteer?

June: “Cooker Tour.” How about Ragle Ranch Park in Sebastopol. Any West County Volunteers?

July: “Newbie Inaugural Tour.” I’m looking forward to working with some of our new members to put on a tour. I will be contacting you to discuss this.

Pengrove 4th of July Parade or Kenwood 4th of July Parade. Do you want to change this one up or do Kenwood again?

August: “Sun to Fog Tour.” Hosted by Mike & Jean Chirhart. We will do this one unless someone else wants it and we can swap a month.

September: Sept 9 “New Grass Tour,” Hosted by: Vince O’Brien.

Overnight tour? How about a lost coast tour or a Delta tour? These are a couple of suggestions. I’m open for more and will work with you on this. I have all of the previous tours that the club has put on over the years for anyone to look over.

October: “T & A Tour.” I need some volunteers on this, again I will help you. Overnight tour? See above.

November: “Rain or Shine Tour.” We’ll watch the weather

December: Christmas Dinner

Oil & the Model T: Tribology & You

A REDWOOD EMPIRE MODEL T CLUB
UNDER THE HOOD GARAGE SEMINAR

By John Girman

A discussion of the properties of modern oil,
what to look for when selecting oil for the Model T
and debunking a few myths along the way.

At Steve & Cindy Vining's
Sebastopol

February 25, Saturday
9:30 am gather; 10:00 am presentation
Rain or Shine
Coffee and Donuts will be provided.

January 2023 REMTC Board Meeting

We had a productive meeting and were able to go over many issues for the upcoming year. All Board and Chairpersons were in attendance. The following are the issues that were addressed:

1. Review of REMTC financial status
 - a. Our finances are stable; our income and expenses were essentially equal for 2022.
 - b. Credit goes to Chairpersons and members for good financial stewardship; our events did not suffer from any funding issues.
2. We will monitor our PayPal expenses during the upcoming year to determine if any action is needed.
3. The issue of having higher dues for those receiving the newsletter by regular mail compared to those receiving the newsletter by email was raised and may be addressed at a later date.
4. Going forward, only the old business and the new business will be read at the meetings; members can read complete minutes as published in the newsletter.
5. New members information will be sent out by email so that members can update their copies of the roster.
6. Bylaws
 - a. The reference to REMTC's tax status will be corrected from 501C3 to 501C7.
 - b. The section on what constitutes a quorum will be modified and presented to the membership for a vote.
7. Except by agreement prior to the tour, all tours will end by 3:00 pm.

Model T for sale! slightly used, runs great, needs cleaning, asking 60,000. i know what i have 🤔



submitted by Steve Vining

January 28, 2023 - Under the Hood Garage Seminar

“Anatomy of a Model T Transmission”

Presented by: Pete Rich

Hosted by Mike & Jean Chirhart



On Saturday Pete Rich gave a comprehensive overview of the Model T transmission. There were handouts for all of the 17 members that attended. Pete had a disassembled transmission showing all of the different drums and gears in the transmission. He demonstrated how 1st gear, hi gear, and reverse functions worked by compressing a band around each one of the drums. He provided details on the different ratios for each gear and gave us the proper clearances for each of the bushings. He also told us how to check to see if your drum bushing had excess wear. Overall it was super informative and he received lots of questions from the audience.

President John Girman took the opportunity to present Harry Plevney with his first-time touring award. Harry and Karen completed several tours this summer.

Story by Steve Vining.

Photos by John Girman and Steve Vining



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Mail form and photo with your **dues** to the address below.

- I am applying for an Individual/Family membership \$30 *must be at the same address* _____
- I am applying for a Free Youth/Student membership which is an emailed Newsletter Only _____
Must be under 18 years old or a full-time student.

Annual Dues of \$30 are DUE BY JANUARY 31st and are delinquent on February 1st
All memberships expire annually on December 31st.

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The Advertisement runs from January to December. Please include a new business card.

Name: _____ Spouse/partner Name: _____

Address: _____ City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone Him: _____ Cell Phone Her: _____

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Birthday (month and day, No year.) Him: _____ Her: _____

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