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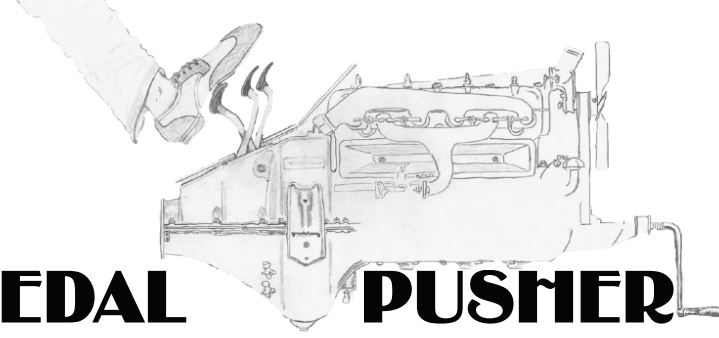
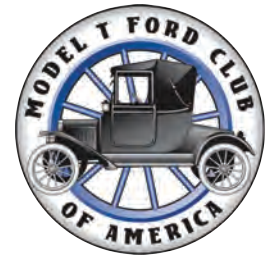
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February is supposed to be the shortest month, but I think it may be January. My apologies to Cyrus for dragging my feet on this President's Message.

We had our first Open Shop Day on the 13th and I think it was pretty successful. Some guys found out about steering columns while others just shot the breeze about Model Ts. The next Open Shop Day will be February 10th. If the weather is OK, we should have a couple Ts to play with and maybe we can make some shop-made tools.

With any luck we'll have some decent weekend weather for a flash tour in February. The Board meeting went well; the minutes should be in this newsletter, and we can go over some items at the February meeting.

~Andy

Board Members

President.....Andy Clary
Vice President.....Tim McCallister
Secretary.....Jeannine Clary
Treasurer.....Patty Girman
Past President.....John Girman

2024

Historian.....Jeanne Nelson
Membership.....Ted Shimkowski
Newsletter Editor....Cyrus Estes
Roster.....Patty Girman
Scholarship.....John Girman
Sunshine Reporter...Dianna Shimkowski
Tours.....Steve Vining, Dave Ryberg
Webmaster.....Steve Vining

Chairpersons

Chapter Information & National Affiliation

The Pedal Pusher is a monthly publication of the Redwood Empire Model T Club (REMTC).

The club holds a general meeting on the first Thursday of each month in the meeting room of the Round Table Restaurant located on Marlow Rd. in Santa Rosa. Members and guests are welcome to attend.

REMTC website: www.remtc.org

Dues for an individual, or a household, are \$30 per year. Student memberships (no fee) include only the emailed REMTC newsletter.

Charter members after the age of 85 have an honorary membership.

REMTC is an official non-profit chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA).

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National dues are \$50 per year, and include a subscription to the Vintage Ford magazine.

Redwood Empire Model T Club
General Meeting Minutes

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

January 4th, 2024

President: Andy Clary called this meeting to order at 7:00PM

Attendance: 26 Members in attendance, along with all board members. Chairperson Dianna Shimkowski was absent.

Secretary's Report: Jeannine Clary read the secretary's report, with approvals by John Girman and Sebastian Ambra.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Girman recapped the clubs' finances, Scholarship fund, & petty cash with approvals by Linda Salomon and Jeanne Nelson.

Tour Report: Steve Vining reported that we have a shop date scheduled for January 13th at Andy's shop. Chris Rich reported on the overnighiter and if asked attendees would be interested in the Tahoe Paddle Boat trip for an additional \$99.00 per person. There was interest in this addition from the members. Many activities are planned, and each day would be about or under 60 miles.

The Nelson's Pancake breakfast with Safety Check is planned for April 13th.

Drive a Lizzy Day is scheduled for April 28th at the old State Farm building in Santa Rosa.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski reported that Fran Faraudo is home and recovering from her surgery. Patty Girman will be out next month due to her upcoming surgery. Joyce Toms, Cindy Vining's mother and club member, had passed away last month.

Scholarship Report: John Girman had nothing to report for this month.

Editor's Report: Cyrus Estes reported that we mailed out 22 copies of our newsletter. It was mentioned that we must compress the file of our newsletter.

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski reported no activity for this month, and noted that we have many members that still must send in their dues.

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining reported that he is investigating a new program for our website.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson reported that she is working on last year's photo album.

Old Business: No old business discussed.

New Business: Steve Vining suggested that Dave Ryberg and Tim McCallister be given a 1st timer's award for driving on their first tour. Steve also noted that we make suggestions on who we would like to make donations to at Christmas time. It was suggested that whomever puts on a club tour ask an attending member to write up an article for submission to our newsletter.

Model T Moments: December's Toys for Tots turned out great, and we went out for pizza afterwards. Jeanne Nelson noted that the engine for her speeder will be touring-ready this year.

The Turlock swap meet is 1/27 & 1/28.

June 1st is the Virginia City Fast meet.

May 5th is the Famosa Swap Meet in Bakersfield.

A dessert of Lemon Bars and Brownies provided by Jeannine & Andy Clary

Meeting Adjourned: 7:39PM

Respectfully submitted by *Jeannine Clary*, REMTC Secretary



Redwood Empire Model T Club

Board Meeting

January 16th, 2024

Held at Andy & Jeannine's home – Meeting started at 7:10pm

Board Members Attending: Andy & Jeannine Clary, Jeannie Nelson, Ted & Dianna Shimkowski, Steve Vining, John & Patty Girman, Tim McCallister, Cyrus Estes.

Sunshine: Dianna would appreciate notifications of members who need sunshine as soon as possible.

Membership: Ted received Q&A Pamphlets and Andy is to send the PDF via email to Ted. Currently we have 2 bags left from past tours used for new memberships. Green & Red flags are running low and we could use more. Jeanne mentioned that she has materials to make more if members would like to help put together a flag making group. Jeannine noted that her friend would be able to add our logo to bags if necessary.

Secretary: Jeannine asked if she would be sending in the roster to the National Club. Patty will email the roster to send in to the national club. Jeannine believes that she may have a copy of the Club inventory list. Jeannie requested a copy of this list to add to our historic documents.

Webmaster: Steve is working on the website and is having issues moving over to the new program. May need to purchase a new program.
Steve needs more business cards. Andy will take care of ordering the cards with a QR code.
Steve has all the trouble truck stock.

Scholarship: John has not worked on the scholarship program yet. Andy to email John the contacts he currently has.

Editor: Cyrus asked when should the newsletter be mailed out? Currently we are mailing 21 newsletters. Should newsletters be mailed in black and white? Costs for black & white are \$18.00 per month, to the cost of \$80.00 per month if printed in color. It was agreed upon that printed newsletters will be in black and white. File size will need to be compressed. Deadline date for newsletter article submissions to be posted in newsletter. New members will be in the body of the email of the Newsletter so members can add to the current roster.
Patty received a thumb drive from the Chucks for the Roster. Patty is working with Sandy on the Roster issues. So far there are too many documents to pull this together. Roster in color would be about \$329.00 VS \$150.00 in black-and white. Print the cover in color and the roster in black and white. A fast finder will be included.

Historian: Jeannie would like to know who the charter members are. Charter members are the people who signed the charter. Husbands and wives are counted as one charter member. Jeannie has a March 1991 newsletter with charter members. Check the bylaws about member's age to be honorary or charter member. Make a list and add to our scrapbooks to record the charter members.
Active charter members will become honorary member from our charter list. At the anniversary party, this will take affect. Old board meeting notes can be added to the website for historic reference.

Treasurer: Patty mentioned that our 2023 expenses were even with our income. T&A tour cost us \$200.00. Tour allotment is \$100.00. Hold firm on costs. Put a kitty out to help with the costs of coffee and donuts. \$250.00 allotted for the special party events. Overnighter trouble truck expenses should be included in the cost of the tour. The club will allow up to \$400.00 for the T.T. expenses. Revise our standing rules regarding the tour truck costs and overnighter costs.

Tour Director: Steve mentioned that the person putting on tour should arrange for Donuts/Etc. and coffee. Put out a kitty for donations. Steve will revise wording and propose to club.
Shop days are no costs to the club.
Flash tours are not covered by the club. They are a day to drive your model T club and go out to lunch.
Tour clip boards, one for tours and one for trouble truck bring to meeting for members to sign-up.
We will try for a shop day each month at member's homes.
Next year is the 35th anniversary, Andy proposed a stay at home 3-day tour. More information to follow.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted by *Jeannine Clary*, REMTC Secretary



February Birthdays



BRETT RANDOLPH

2024 General Meeting Desserts



Please bring enough dessert for forty people, and, if needed, plastic utensils and paper plates.

If you are unable to make it to the meeting, please contact a substitute.

JANUARY 4TH.....JEANNINE CLARY

FEBRUARY 1ST.....SANDY O'HALLORAN

MARCH 7TH.....DIANNA SHIMKOWSKI

APRIL 4TH.....JEAN CHIRHART

MAY 2ND.....TIM/TERESA MCCALLISTER

JUNE 6TH.....PAM JOHNSON

~~JULY 4TH NO MEETING~~

AUGUST 1ST.....PATTY GIRMAN

SEPTEMBER 5TH...DAVE AND MICI RYBERG

OCTOBER 3RD.....CINDY VINING

NOVEMBER 7TH.....SEBASTIAN AMBRA

DECEMBER 5TH.....STEVE CAVALLI

February Anniversaries

VINCE & JOAN GREGOIRE
BOB & JAYNE JONES

JOE & LESLIE
KONVALINKA

STEVE & JEANNE NELSON

PAT & SANDY
O'HALLORAN

RICHARD & BETSY
RANDOLPH

IN MEMORIAM

JOYCE TOMS, CINDY VINING'S MOTHER, AND CLUB MEMBER
HAS PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH

Repairs & Restorations Get Well Soon!

FRAN FARAUDO IS HOME AND
RECOVERING FROM HER SURGERY

PATTY GIRMAN IS PREPARING FOR
HER UPCOMING SURGERY

Would You Like to Submit an Article for the March Edition?

Please submit it to me by 2/26/23
if possible

Thanks from your editor, Cyrus

Dues are Past Due

DUES ARE PAST DUE AS OF FEBRUARY 1 ST.
IF YOU WILL BE STAYING WITH THE CLUB
AND HAVE NOT RENEWED YET, PLEASE
FILL OUT AND TURN IN A RENEWAL FORM
AND SEND IN YOUR DUES.

RENEWAL FORM INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER
PLEASE SEND DUES TO
PATTY GIRMAN,
REMTTC TREASURER

The Running Board

Information provided by Steve Vining, Tour Chairman

February

10th - Open Garage Day

Hosted by Andy Clary at his home

Starts at 9:00 am

April

**13th - The Nelson's Pancake Breakfast
& Safety Check**

Hosted by the Nelsons at their home

More details to follow

28th - Drive a Lizzy Day

Held at the old State Farm building in Santa Rosa.

More details to follow

May

4th - Famoso Dragstrip Swap-O-Rama

Pre-register before April 27th

Held at 33559 Famoso Rd, Mc Farland, CA 93250

7am to 5pm

June

16th-20th - MTFCA National Tour

See your magazine or the MTFCA website for more information.

September

11th-15th - Overnighter Tour

In Virginia City, Nevada, and surrounding areas

Details are tentative, stay tuned for further information.

January Open Shop Day



Steering Gear Conversion

Article submitted by John Girman
Photos submitted by Ted Shimkowski

REMTC's first Open Shop Day was on a drizzly Saturday morning at the Clary Garage. Thirteen REMTC members attended, including the main participants, Andy Clary and Steve Vining. Andy intends to invite REMTC members to observe and kibitz as he works on various Model T projects and this day was the first session of the series. He and Steve Vining were going to convert the steering on Steve's 1919 Touring from a 4:1 ratio to the 5:1 ratio, first introduced on the 1926 Model T. This would provide steering that took less effort.

Prior to members showing up, Andy turned down a used 1926 steering shaft so that it would fit in the new brass bushings. When members showed up, Andy and Steve fit the shaft and the new triple gears into the steering gear case. It was a tight fit, and only turned with difficulty when vice grips were used. Lapping compound was applied to the gears and the shaft was turned alternately by Steve and Andy. It was slow going at first since the lapping compound was not very coarse. Next, they used an electric drill on the shaft to speed up the process. The lapping compound slowly removed a small amount of the interior of the steering gear case until the gears had a snug fit but could still turn easily. The gears and case were cleaned up, new grease was applied, and the steering gear case cover was installed.

While this was going on, members observed the progress, ate some really great nut cake made by Jeannine Clary, drank coffee, asked questions, and kibitzed. It was a really good learning experience, and was a good kick-off to the Open Shop Day series.



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1919 Boat Tail Speedster with Cover, with special brake yoke available that activates rear brakes from brake pedal, large drums in this case.

Model T differential housings, small drum

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Two vintage California license plates

Differential yoke, muffler old

Large tool box: machinist tools, gauges, hones, calipers, etc.

Trailer mats

CRAFTSMAN large 6 HP 30 gallon tank, air compressor, many feet of hoses and gauges, and a variety of tips

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Vintage Model T jacks (5)

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-Bill

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