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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We will have our first club meeting of the year on February 5th at Round Table Pizza. I look forward to seeing you there. I hope everyone had a wonderful start to the new year, it's hard to believe that it is 2026. 100 years since the 1926 Model T was introduced as the *New and Improved Model T*. Colors were finally available again for your Model T, in addition to a lower profile and the option of wire wheels. With all of these improvements, the Model T was still the best value of any car offered at the time.

As we start the new year of touring, I would like to remind everyone to take a look at your car as you bring it out of its winter sleep. This is a great time to check over your old friend and make sure it is ready for an exciting and adventurous year of touring.

Here are a few items to get you ready for touring season:

- Change the oil - check all of your oil points and grease cups.
- Check your water/coolant level (if it has been a while since this was changed, it is a good time to do so).
- If you have coils, check your timer. If you have a distributor, check your points, rotor, and cap.
- Check your tires (remember that you only have a small patch of rubber on the road - 3" square on old cars, 4" square on later cars).
- Check your wheels. Over the cold winter months, your spokes can become loose. If you have lug nuts, be sure they are tight.
- Check your brakes, make sure they are adjusted correctly.
- Check your parking (emergency) brake to make sure it will hold your car when parked.
- Check your bands to ensure they are not slipping, but do not make them too tight.
- Check the steering - you do not want anything to be loose.

These are just a few things to check to ensure that you have a safe and fun time on our tours. Please be sure to bring your car to this year's safety check (timing of this event will be announced in a later edition of the newsletter).

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

-Chris Rich

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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.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**NO JANUARY MEETING
WAS HELD**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



No birthdays this month

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



Vince & Joan Gregoire - Bob & Jayne Jones
Joe & Leslie Konvalinka
Steve & Jeanne Nelson - Pat & Sandy O'Halloran
Rich & Betsey Randolph

SUNSHINE

2026 MEETING DESSERTS



JANUARY 8TH ----- NO MEETING
FEBRUARY 5TH ----- DONNA JONES
MARCH 5TH ----- JEANNINE CLARY
APRIL 2ND ----- DIANNA SHIMKOWSKI
MAY 7TH ----- PATTY GIRMAN
JUNE 4TH ----- JAMES HARRIS

JULY 2ND ----- CINDY VINING
AUGUST 6TH ----- DODGE RIEDY
SEPTEMBER 3RD ----- JEAN CHIRHART
OCTOBER 1ST ----- TRACY LONG
NOVEMBER 5TH -- DAVE & MICI RYBERG
DECEMBER 3RD ----- CYRUS ESTES



THE RUNNING BOARD

Dates of Importance

FEBRUARY SHOP DAY

At Andy Clary's shop
Starting at 9 am, activities to be determined.

MAY 1ST-2ND: BAKERSFIELD SWAP MEET

At Minter Airfield
See included flyer for further information

BAKERSFIELD SWAP MEET

2026

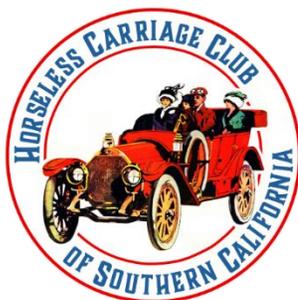


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MAY 1 & 2 - 2026

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- ◆ Swap Meet; Friday & Saturday
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