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A festive winter scene featuring a snow-covered forest with bare trees. A vintage Model T car is parked on a snowy path in the foreground. The scene is decorated with numerous white starburst and snowflake graphics. The text "Happy New Year" is written in a large, elegant, cursive font across the upper middle of the image.

Happy New Year

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!!!



I think we're all happy that 2020 is behind us. It was a strange year. It reminded me of the movie "Groundhog Day" starring Bill Murray. You get up each morning and do the same thing over again from the day before.

Looking back as a club, we were able to break that pattern occasionally. We did get in some nice tours. Our meetings were spotty at first. We did finally have some outdoor meetings at member's homes. They were smaller but it was nice to see some familiar faces. It's now "ZOOM time" until the weather gets nicer. I'm hoping that more of you will try to participate. I know it's not the same as at Round Table, and it is a little awkward, but at least we can see each other and have a chance to catch up on what's going on.

The agenda slate is blank for 2021. There are still uncertainties as to when things will get back to normal...if there is a normal!! The Board, Chairpersons, and myself will start looking for ways to make 2021 more like 2019. I'm hoping for an overnight tour, albeit probably late in the year, and of course some local tours. All of you start thinking about how we can make 2021 a more normal year. This is a great club with great members...Let's work to keep it that way.

Mike Chirhart

CHAPTER INFORMATION

The Pedal Pusher is a monthly publication of Redwood Empire Model T Club (REMTC)
P.O. Box 1058, Forestville, CA 95436

The Dues are \$30 a year for an individual or for a couple.

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.

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www.remtc.org

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December 3, 2020

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Redwood Empire Model T Club

Held via ZOOM, Santa Rosa, CA

President: Mike Chirhart called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Attendance: There were 15 households with all board members present and all but one chairperson, 23 all total.

Secretary's Report: Jean Chirhart read the minutes from November and it was approved by Steve Vining and seconded by Jeannine Clary.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Vining reported no new deposits, but three checks written for the website, zoom and National fees. It was approve by Andy Clary and seconded by Sandy O'Halloran.

Tour Report: Larry Summerfield reported no one has approached him with a new tour. Steve Chase was going to come back and talk about the Joshua Tree tour in mid-January, but didn't make it back so Mike C. talked about it; and a few members are planning to attend if it doesn't get shut down because of Covid.

Special Events: No Report.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski will take over Fran Faraudo's Sunshine chairperson's position.

Librarian Report: Patty had nothing to report.

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining didn't have anything to report.

Editor's Report: Nanette Chuck said there have been several very good articles turned in and is encouraging more people to send in new ones, maybe one on New Years resolutions!

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski had nothing to report.

Historian Report: Jeanne hasn't received any new pictures.

Old Business: Voted to carry over current advertisers in the Pedal Pusher & members' dues for the 2021 year. Jean Chirhart will contact the advertisers to this fact.

New Business: It was voted to continue with the toy drive with those who wish to contribute to contact either Andy Clary or Steve Vining before Dec. 15. Also, after a short discussion, we will donate \$ to The Redwood Empire Food Bank, and also \$ to Ceres Community Project.

Model T Moments: Bob Jones showed us his lifetime membership card to National.

Dessert provided by: None.

Adjourned at: 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by, *Jean Chirhart*, REMTC Secretary

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Steve Cavalli

Jim Pappakostas

Ted Shinkowski

Melanie Taylor

Jan Storm

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



Russ & Barbara Donchue

Richard & Nanette Chuck

Jeff & Lori Stevenson

2021 REMTC & You

What do you look forward to doing in 2021?

Email your reply to the Pedal Pusher newsletter for the February issue. Huge THANK YOU to every-one who contributed to YOUR Pedal Pusher during this Covid few or no tour's year! If you haven't contributed yet, everyone is encouraged to do so. Take photos of your T projects and send them to the newsletter.

NEW in this issue are Links to automobile videos—just click to watch.

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

However, if there are any changes to your profile in the ROSTER , please send them to Nanette Chuck.

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



ON THE COVER

TIM AND JOAN JUHL
SHARED THIS PHOTO OF THEMSELVES
BUNDLED UP AND ENJOYING A RIDE
IN THEIR 1917 MODEL T.

THEY ARE MEMBERS OF
THE MICHIGAN CASUAL TS OF THE MTFCI



Spreading 2020 Christmas Cheer



Once upon a time a couple did marry
Andrew & Jeannine Clary
December
Happy Anniversary

Steve & Cindy Mining
deliver donated toys



Thank you, Sunshine Harardo

THANK YOU "MRS. CLAUS"
FOR GIVING MORE EFFORT THAN PAUSE;
DURING PANDEMIC, IT WASN'T THE BEST YEAR
BUT FROM HER, AN AWESOME GESTURE
TO EACH MEMBER, SHE PENNED A LINE
WITH HER SPECIAL RAY OF SUNSHINE
GREETING CARD ALL WITH HOLIDAY CHEER.
ALWAYS SMILING, TO US, SHE'S SO DEAR,

EVERYONE JOIN IN, IF YOU CAN,
FOR A VERY SPECIAL HOORAH TO FRAN
WHO DID A GREAT JOB AS SUNSHINE. SANTA
NOW SHE PASSES HER PEN TO DIANNA.



Ted and Dianna Shimkowski have been getting into the holiday spirit watching Hallmark Christmas movies. Seeing all of the over-the-top on screen decorations.

Ted wanted us to up our game this year with more decorations.

Today would have been our REMTC Christmas dinner celebration ...instead, we are busy helping friends and family where needed...and staying home otherwise.

Can't wait to see everyone in 2021!

Merry Christmas.



Steve & Cere
DePaoli
and
pets
pose for their
Christmas card



INTERESTING LINKS

VIDEO AT LEFT
SUBMITTED BY STEVE VINING

CLICK IN CENTER OF
Jay Leno's Garage
TO PLAY VIDEO

TWO CLASSICS ONE CAR

VIDEO ON THE RIGHT
SUBMITTED BY MIKE CHIRHART

CLICK IN CENTER OF PICTURE
TO PLAY VIDEO



Mike and Jean Chirhart's Covid-19 Year

This definitely has been a different year for us. We were so use to traveling, not just to see our grandchildren but to see other parts of the world. This stopped with Covid-19. We were lucky to see our east coast children in February before the lockdown. There was no more going to the gym for us, so Jean started doing Pilates by zoom. Mike started later on. We also started taking long walks together and with friends. Jean also spent time making masks for family, friends and the health care workers. There were many quilts made or quilted for the community for neonatal care units, foster care and senior citizens. Then there were birthdays and Christmas presents sewn or quilted for friends and grandchildren.



Reversible Aprons & Chef's hats



The most challenging one of all was the Nerf gun backpack.



Lots of masks



Backyard of My Best Friend



Trying a new technique



Grandson's BD



Mike finished restoring his 1915 Model "T" speedster and was able to get a few tours in this year. He also finally finished the restoration of our 1968 Airstream Globetrotter trailer which had been sitting in his shop for several years. Hopefully, we plan to do some vintage trailer tours next year if all goes well.



Oh!! My son sent me a beer brewing kit and I'm now into making beer.



1968 Airstream Globetrotter all polished & ready to go!

Wanted - Storage Space

Looking for a storage space in the Santa Rosa area for storing a speedster so I can go on tours in the area.

Willing to compensate for the storage cost.

If you have a space available, please contact Steven Chase at 323-497-0601 or email at NewNorthSouth@gmail.com

Update for Joshua Tree Tour

The update for the Joshua Tree Tour has 15 rooms reserved and paid for by 30 participants. One additional T is sleeping elsewhere.

We have been upgraded to a nicer resort at no additional charge. The National Park is open for touring, closed for camping. Our 2.5 hour private docent led tour, by a military pilot, at the Palm Springs Air Museum has been confirmed. All other activities are outside.

Steven Chase NewNorthSouth@gmail.com

Hello Everyone,

How about joining us in the Palm Springs area for a weekend winter tour? Starting with sunset cocktails, January 15th.

It is their high season, yet we were able to secure rooms at the dazzling Desert Hot Springs Spa surrounding their natural hot mineral pool garden. \$95/night. This outdoor paradise comes complete with a full bar and Italian patio dining.

Check it out at the link below:

We will be spending one day touring [Joshua Tree National Park](#) and another going to the Palm Springs Air Museum, (link below), for a special docent led tour of their extensive collection, followed by lunch above Palm Springs at the Ritz Carlton Resort. Monday morning's route is yet to be sketched out but there are many fun drives in the Coachella Valley. Please suggest ideas for this day whether you plan on attending or not.

We also are looking for a trouble-truck and driver.

Model Ts and Horseless Carriages are encouraged to join in. It will be a lot of fun and will get us out of our houses. The Tour Flyer is attached below. We hope to see you there.

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Desert Hot Springs Spa; <http://dhsspa.com/>

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Lee Chase, ...and son, Steven

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I've been talking with Steve Chase today. He ask me if I would let the club know that he's looking for a storage space in Santa Rosa area for the speedster he purchased from the Warren Welsh estate. He wants to keep it in the Santa Rosa area for touring up here.

He is willing to compensate you for the storage cost.

If you have a space available please contact him at 323-497-0601 or e-mail at NewNorthSouth@Gmail.com.

Thanks,

