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YEAR
2023



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President's Message

Redwood Empire Model Ters,

We had a really nice Christmas Dinner at Cattlemens. The setting was good (despite some competition from those getting drinks at the bar), the food was much better than typical at events like this and the service was superb. Thanks to Dianna Shimkowski and Patty Girman for making that happen. It's too bad that Cattlemens is closing that location. It will be tough to find a place as good.

So, the year is drawing to a close. I gave a recap of the past year at the Dinner and wrote up my notes in this issue for those who couldn't make the Dinner. REMTC had a good year. I'm impressed by how this club worked to emerge from the Covid restrictions. We certainly had a range of activities this year. Looking back, I think the event that sticks in my mind was the Wohler Bridge Tour. We had great weather and an unusual setting. It was a little surreal to have so many of the neighbors dressed in period clothing, joined by REMTC. The neighbors were enthusiastic about our cars and seemed to really enjoy us helping them celebrate the 100th birthday of the bridge. The food prepared by the neighbors wasn't too shabby either. It really **was** a Great Gatsby party.

Once again, **dues are due**. We've been getting good renewal so, if you haven't already done so, renew today. Mike Chirhart reminds us that it isn't too early to begin planning the Overnighter Tour so contact him if you have some ideas.

It was a good year and next year promises to continue the fun.

Wishing you all the best for the New Year,

John Girman

CHAPTER INFORMATION

The Pedal Pusher is a monthly publication of Redwood Empire Model T Club (REMTC)
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The Dues are \$30 a year for an individual, or for a family in the same household.

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.

REMTC Website

www.remtc.org

NATIONAL AFFILIATION

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Redwood Empire Model T Club GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2022

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

Attendance: 31 members in attendance.

President: John Girman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and hoped we all had a good time on Thanksgiving. He shared that today, December 1 was the day the assembly line for the Model T started in 1913 in Highland Park.

Secretary's Report: Sandy O'Halloran read the secretary's report for November 2022. There was one correction. "On calendar" needed to be added to the webmaster report.

It was then accepted by Dianna Shimkowski and seconded by Jeannine Clary. Motion passed.

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 Steve Cavalli has an upcoming surgery. Also Russ Donahue has passed away. No cards were sent for November.

Tour Report: Mike Chirhart gave a tour review of the past year. He talked about the tours that worked and the ones that didn't. He mentioned the Nelson's Pancake Breakfast, the Cloverdale Tour, the Cooker Tour and the Wohler Bridge Event all worked really well. He shared that the T & A Event, the Kenwood Parade and the Penngrove Tour had a very small turnout. Looking ahead: an Under the Hood event, March the Safety Check, April is Nelson Pancake Breakfast, the Tulare Swap Meet and Oldtimers Event. We might have a Vince O'Brien Tour to San Rafael. Let's think about a New Members or Older Members Tour. Lastly, we have to start working on an Overnight Tour.

Librarian's Report: Jeannine Clary says, "Hi."

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining shared the Website is working and up to date.

Editor's Report: John Girman reported for Nanette Chuck, no issues to report.

Membership Report: No new activity.

Darrel Jones came up to Steve Vining's house and is very motivated to start participating in the club.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson reported the cost of doing the Historian job. There were 631 pictures received this year. 464 pictures were developed to be put in the albums.

Scholarship Report: Andy Clary shared that after speaking with Mr. Rauley from Casa Grande, it might be best to give him money and let him decide where it goes. Andy recommends, we match the school budget of \$480. Motion was made to donate \$500; Jeanne Nelson seconded, motion carried. Steve Vining suggested we take pictures and submit to the Nationals.

Old Business: Pete Rich has a Model T coupe and Model A for sale. Regarding the elections Dianna Shimkowski made a motion that the current board continue for the coming year. Jean Chirhart seconded; motion carried.

New Business: It was said that charitable donations should be capped at \$250. We will discuss at our next meeting. Patty Girman will send an email to the club with a list of the last five years of donations made by the club.

Model T Moments: #1. Mark Hogan said Pete Rich took his car for a drive. A week later the registration card was brought to him by a neighbor. It apparently flew out of the car upon departure from Mark's house.

#2. Jeanne Nelson drove her 1946 Ford home from the upholsterers.

Dessert Provided by: Patty Girman

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, *Sandy O'Halloran*, REMTC Secretary

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Steve Cavalli

Melanie Taylor

Jim Pappakostas

Jan Storm

Laura Meyer

Harry Plevney

Ted Shimkowski^h



David & Mici Ryberg

Russ & Barbara Donahue

Richard & Nanette Chuck

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**Reminder
PAY YOUR DUES TODAY**

Renewal Form is on the last page
of this newsletter

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 5th – Jeannine Clary
February 2nd – Donna Jones
March 2nd – Bob and Stella Dunne
April 6th – Dianna Shimkowski
May 4th – Jean Chirhart
June 1st – Linda and Bob Salomon
July 6th – Tim and Teresa McCallister
August 3rd – Sebastian Ambra
September 7th – Sandy O'Halloran
October 5th – Cindy Vining
November 2nd – Pam Johnson
December – 7th – Patty Girman

REMTC NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are missing the Newsletters
from the years:

2000

2001

2004

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

Please contact:

Patty Girman, jrgplg@aol.com

or

Sandy O'Halloran, quilt14me@att.net

In Memoriam

Russell Donahue, a long time member of REMTC joining around 1992-93, passed away November 11, 2022. He will be remembered by his REMTC friends.

In Memoriam

Lloyd Butler, a long time member of REMTC passed away December 20, 2022 after a short illness. He joined REMTC in 1996 and served as President in 1998. He generously used his talent to make license plate badges for our Model Ts Overnight Tour. He will be missed by his REMTC friends.

2023 DUES & ROSTERS

Once per year in January, we have our collection of \$30 dues for members in the same household. Our Membership Report is sent to National Model T Ford Club of America in February, so our **dues are delinquent at the end of January.**

Use the form on the last page of this newsletter to indicate that you wish to be with us for another year.

Make any corrections: address, email, phone, etc.

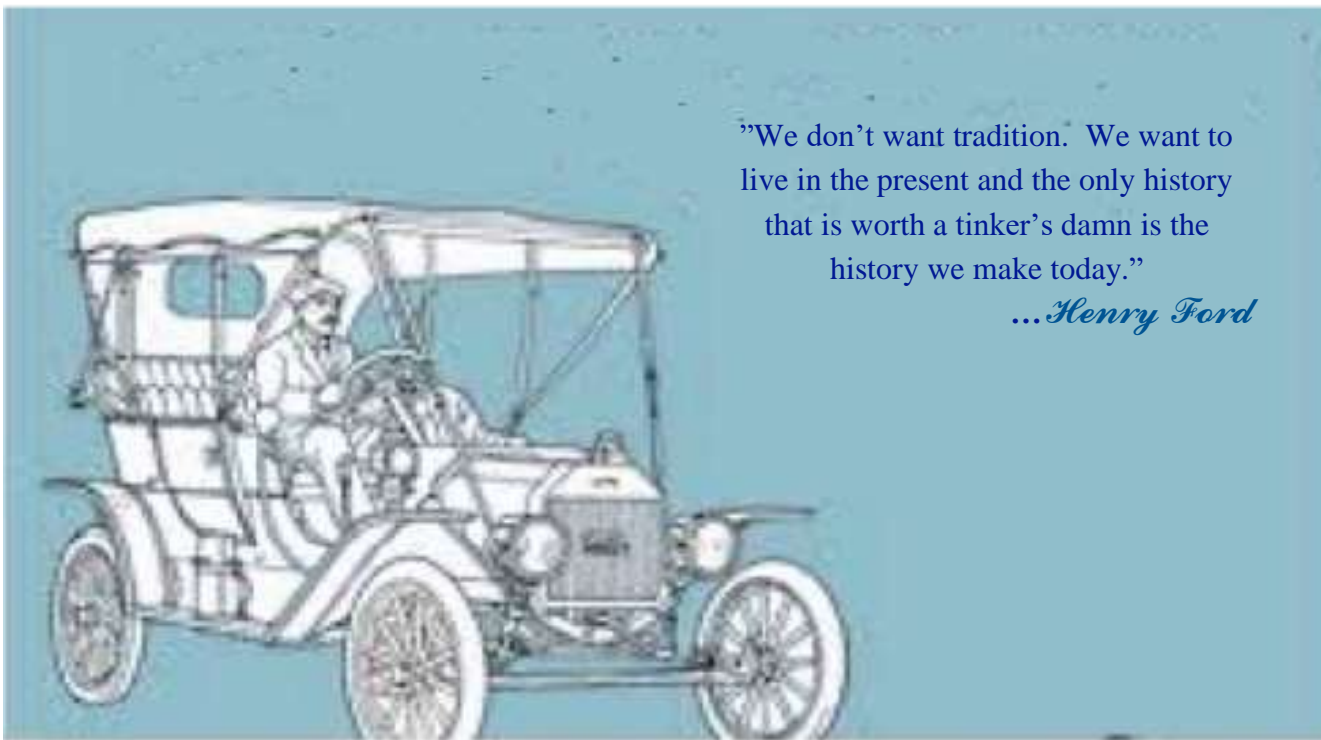
New members who have not yet been photographed for the Roster, please include a photo.

The Roster will be updated from the information you provide on the form.

The 2023 Roster will be distributed at the March General Meeting.

HAVE YOU UPDATED THIS ADDRESS IN YOUR COMPUTER?

Please send your photos and stories for this *Pedal Pusher Newsletter* to:
4RNetMail6@gmail.com



"We don't want tradition. We want to live in the present and the only history that is worth a tinker's damn is the history we make today."

...Henry Ford

RECAP OF R.E.M.T.C. ACTIVITIES IN 2022

By John Girman, REMTC President

I gave a little summary of REMTC's activities in 2022 at the REMTC Christmas Dinner.

I thought it might be worthwhile to provide the summary for those who weren't able to attend the dinner.

Bottom line: REMTC had a good year.

By my count, REMTC had 20 events and tours.

It's sometimes difficult to separate what is a tour from what is an event since an event often has a short tour associated with it. We had ten tours and three of them had international guests. Not many car clubs can say that. We had two parades, and two "Under the Hood" seminars. Some of the events included the Safety Check, the Pancake Breakfast, the Yard Sale, and a Taste of Italy. It's no surprise that 100% of the tours and events incorporated food. (It's a toss-up whether REMTC does touring or eating best.) To have this many activities as we emerge from the Covid restrictions is amazing.

Our club is financially stable, and credit goes to those members who organized one or more of the activities while keeping an eye on expenditures. I never felt that any of our activities lacked.

We had two Rookie Tourers this year: Steve DePaoli and Harry Plevney. This is not to say that neither of them had driven a Model T, or perhaps, had gone on a tour but it was the first time they had driven a Model T on a tour with REMTC.

We welcomed three new couples to REMTC this year and they appear to be enthusiastic about learning more about Model T's and our hobby. That's great news!

Our Newsletter Editor moved but didn't miss a beat (and didn't miss an issue either). Not surprisingly, we had 12 issues of the Pedal Pusher, with 26 featured articles by 10 authors. That's outstanding to have so many contribute stories and speaks well to the health of the club.

Now special recognition to some of the folks who made things happen this year:

Thanks to our Officers and Chairpersons. They did some heavy lifting.

Thanks also to those many members who contributed to the club's success by organizing tours or events and, yes, by attending those events.

With so many helping our club it's no wonder that REMTC had a successful year.

Let's continue to work together to make next year even better.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



Joy & Sebastian



Steven & Donna



Andy



Mike & Jean



Robert & Stella



Con



John & Patty



Don & Pam



Teresa & Tim



Jeanne & Steve



Carol & Vince



Ted & Dianna



Patrick & Sandy



Jim & Margie



Joan & Chris



Pete & Sherri



Mici & David



Bob & Linda



Kelly & Dudley



Steve & Cindy

Photos by Jeanne Nelson

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Happy New Year to All!

By Dianna Shimkowski

As we gaze into the rear view mirror, we recall the spirit of the Christmas Season as it flashed before us, and nearly flash flooded by us, due to the welcome storm ushering in much needed rain.

The beginning of the year brought fewer prospects of a venue for a year-end Christmas celebration, riddled with the all too recent obstacles of inflation, staffing shortages, and failing restaurants.

Remarkably, we were able to secure the Santa Rosa Cattlemen's for our party...and, as it turns out, just before that landmark location bid farewell. With great efforts from Cattlemen's event planner, Michelle Bergeron and our ever helpful, Patty Girman, we secured a great contract. The meals, appetizers and desserts were delicious! And, our servers were friendly, attentive and super efficient!

We were delighted to have our newest members, Tim and Teresa McCallister, and Bob and Stella Dunne join us. It is always a treat to have Dudley and Kelly Stone gather with us from such a distance. At the same time, we were sorely missing Fran Faraudo, Mal and Gwen Brown, Dan, Mary, and Dani McEachern, due to illnesses. Jeannine Clary was MIA, but for good reason, sipping Christmas margaritas in Hawaii. Wishing all of us a very Happy and Healthy New Year. And, lastly, we hope to have all the usual suspects present and accounted for in 2023, including the Cavallis and the Summerfields...yet not forgetting to mention EVERYONE else that we haven't seen recently, YOU are equally missed, and in our thoughts and prayers.



Photos by Ted Shimkowski

THE RUNNING BOARD for 2023

JANUARY

Under the Hood - Transmissions

By Pete Rich.

When: Saturday, January 26th

refreshments 9:30 AM, Class starts 10:00 AM.

Hosted by Mike & Jean Chirhart Where: 3885 Holland Drive, Santa Rosa, CA

FEBRUARY

Under the Hood - Ignition Tune Up

By Andy Clary

Location, Time, and date will be announced in next month's *Pedal Pusher Newsletter*

MARCH

Under the Hood – Engine Oil Facts

By John Girman

Location, Time and date will be announced in next month's *Pedal Pusher Newsletter*

APRIL

Safety Clinic and Nelson's Pancake Breakfast

Hosted by Steve and Jeanne Nelson

320 Liberty Rd., Petaluma

Time and date will be announced in next month's *Pedal Pusher Newsletter*

The California State Old Time Fiddle Association, District 10

at the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center

Saturday April 29, from noon to 6pm

In addition to the usual fiddle contest, it is planned that

there will be a heritage type exhibits that will include quilting,

the Penngrove small engine club, blacksmithing, a pie contest and raffle, among other activities.

Hope to get the West County Historical Society involved with a couple of films

I was hoping that the REMTC would be interested in showing off their cars at this event. .Mark Hogan

Future Planning Comments by Tours Chairperson

Depending on the weather, we might sneak in a "Flash Tour" in one of the above months.

I'm looking for a couple/couples to put on the overnight tour. This was always a fun tour, and I'm willing to help if necessary.

The "Cooker Tour" was a blast last year. We had a few kinks to shake out but I plan to do it again in 2023.

I'm looking for a volunteer to put it on. Again I can help.

Anyone interested in doing a tour, please let me know. From May onward the calendar is WIDE open.

If you don't call me.....I just might call you!!!!

Looking forward to a great touring year. Mike Chirhart, Tours Chairman



Redwood Empire Model T Club

Application for Membership



- I am applying for an Individual/Family membership \$30 - *Family must live at the same address* _____
- I am emailing a photo _____ Please take a photo for me _____
Roster photos should be of the applicants face not your Model T. No sunglasses please!
- Applying for Free Youth/Student membership - *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: _____

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Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

Anniversary (month and day): _____

Year of your Model T	License #	Your Model T's Body Style, and Color
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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