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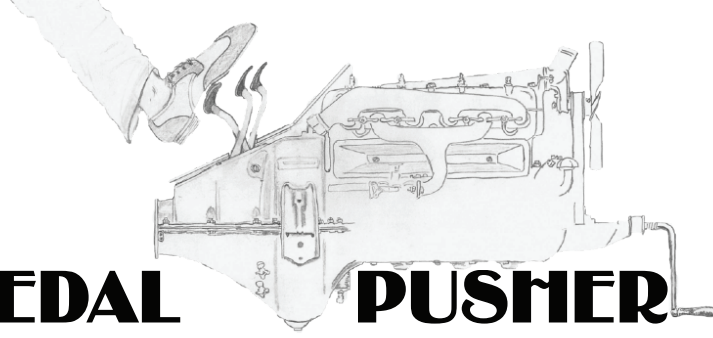
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**WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR!**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the worst part of being the REMTC President, the monthly message. 2024 marks my record setting 4th term as club president. I have finally passed Vince Gregoire and Chris Rich, although my previous 3 terms covered 5 years total. The last few years have been tough with the pandemic. Mike Chirhart and John Girman have done yeoman's work to bring the club forward through the many restrictions. This year I hope to see many smiling faces at tours and special events.

To kick off the winter months we will have our first Open Shop Day at my place on January 13th. The shop will be open, come on by and see what's going on. I know that we will be working on a steering gear conversion for Steve Vining, and Steve Cavalli may be by to get his oil leaks checked. If weather permits, bring your T. If you have a question, we can check it out. I intend to have an Open Shop Day every month; it may be at my house or it may be at someone else's shop if they need a hand, we'll see how it shakes out.

I'm legally obligated to remind everyone to get their dues in this month, we have to have the roster finished and submitted to the MTFCA by March 1st.

*~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](http://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

**December 7, 2023**

**Attendance: 26 members in attendance.**

**President:** John Girman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked about plans for Christmas, inquiring to see if our Christmas shopping was done.

**Secretary's Report:** Sandy O'Halloran read the Old and New Business for November 2023. There was a motion to accept the minutes as recorded by Dianna Shimkowski and seconded by Jean Chirhart. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Patty Girman read the treasurer's Report.

**Sunshine Report:** Dianna Shimkowski said she spoke with Gwen Brown, and her hip surgery is getting closer. Fran Faraudo has fallen and broken her hip. She had surgery yesterday. Dianna will be sending out a card soon.

**Tour Report:** Mike Chirhart says all is quiet. Steve Vining talked about next year's overnigher. He said Chris Rich has done some investigating and found a hotel in Virginia City we can use for the event. Chris has pre-registered all the rooms (16) for 9/11 thru 9/15. We took a show of hands, and it looks favorable that it will work. More information to follow. Also, the National Tour will be in June, registration starts Jan 2nd. It is a West Coast tour, so check your magazine for more info.

**Webmaster Report:** Steve Vining said the website is up to date.

**Editor's Report:** John Girman shared that the last newsletter was Nanette's last newsletter.

**Membership Report:** Ted Shimkowski said we have a new member, Alan Prior from Alameda. Due to the distance he may not be able to attend our monthly meeting, but we will hopefully see him on one of our tours.

**Historian Report:** Jeanie Nelson was absent.

**Scholarship Report:** Andy Clary says nothing new to report this month.

**Old Business:** Election night is tonight. The following members have been nominated for the board and committee member seats:

**Andy Clary - President | Tim McCallister - Vice President | Jeannine Clary - Secretary  
Patty Girman - Treasurer | Newsletter Editor - Cyrus Estes | Web Master - Steve Vining  
Sunshine Reporter - Dianna Shimkowski | Membership - Ted Shimkowski  
Historian - Jeanne Nelson | Tour Directors - Steve Vining and Dave Ryberg**

A motion was made by Mike Chirhart, and seconded by James Harris to accept these nominations, a vote was made by the group, and it passed.

Patty Girman received a thumb drive with Roster information today from Nanette Chuck. Patty will be beginning the process of getting the newest roster ready for us. Dianna Shimkowski says all is well for our Christmas dinner. Toys for Tots will be delivered on Tuesday, December 12th. Don't forget to bring a toy to Christmas dinner if you haven't already done so.

**New Business:** Pete Rich said he went to see a 1914 Touring that is currently for sale. If anyone is interested, please see him. It is a solid original car. The upholstery and paint job were probably done in the 1950's. The owner is asking \$17-18K.

We discussed who should be the person to do the write-up for our tours. Please think about it and we can discuss it at our next meeting.

The sign-up sheet is going around for the dessert for next year.

**Model T Moments:** Steve Vining took his 1919 Model T to the local Christmas tree farm and many folks took pictures in front of it for their Christmas cards. Andy Clary is planning a Shop Day every month starting next year at his home, on the 2nd or 3rd weekend of the month. January's shop day will be 1/13.

**Dessert Provided by:** Patty Girman

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Dianna Shimkowski, 2nd by Ted Shimkowski, motion carried. Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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



# January Birthdays



STEVE CAVALLI  
JIM PAPPAKOSTAS  
TED SHIMKOWSKI  
JAN STORM  
MALANIE TAYLOR  
HARRY PLEVNEY  
SHERRI GRANIGEN  
CATHERINE JONES  
LAURA MEYER

# 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

# January Anniversaries

RICHARD &  
NANETTE CHUCK

DAVID & MICI RYBERG

# Welcome New REMTC Member

ALAN PRIOR

# Repairs & Restorations Get Well Soon!

GWEN BROWN'S HIP SURGERY  
IS GETTING CLOSER

FRAN FARAUDO HAS  
FALLEN AND BROKEN  
HER HIP, AND IS RECOVERING  
FROM SURGERY

# Dues are Due

RENEWAL FORM INCLUDED  
PLEASE SEND DUES TO  
PATTY GIRMAN,  
REMTC TREASURER

## A Word from you Editor

I'm Cyrus, and I am taking over the newsletter editor position that Nanette Chuck previously filled. I have some big shoes to fill!  
Please let me know if you have any issues with the emailed newsletter, or if you have any suggestions in general.  
My email is [cyrus.estes33@gmail.com](mailto:cyrus.estes33@gmail.com)

# The Running Board

Information provided by Steve Vining, Tour Chairman

## January

**14th - Open Garage Day**

**Hosted by Andy Clary at his home**

**Starts at 9:00 am**

## June

**16th-20th - MTFCA National Tour**

**Registration starts Jan 2nd.**

**See your magazine or the MTFCA website for more information.**

## September

**11th-15th - Overnighter Tour**

**Possibly in Virginia City, Nevada**

**Details are tentative, stay tuned for further information.**

# Summery of REMTC 2023 Activities

By John Girman, 2023 Club President

I gave a little summary of REMTC's activities in 2023 at the REMTC Christmas Dinner. I thought that those that weren't able to attend might be interested. In summary, we had a good year.

By my count, REMTC had 18 events and tours. It can be difficult to separate what is a tour from what is an event since an event often has a short tour associated with it, but I counted twelve tours. We had two parades and three "Under the Hood" seminars. Some of the events included the Safety Check and the Pancake Breakfast. It's no surprise that 100% of the tours and events incorporated food. (REMTC has expertise in both touring and food.) To have this many activities as we are still emerging from the Covid restrictions is awesome.

Our club is financially stable but is not flush. Credit goes to those members who organized all of the activities and kept an eye on expenditures. I never felt a lack on any of our activities because of limited funds.

We had four Rookie Tourers this year:

Jimmy Long; Tim McCallister; Debbie Cavalli; and Dave Ryberg.

This is not to say that none 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 four new memberships units to REMTC this year. That's' great news!

Not surprisingly, we had 12 issues of the Pedal Pusher, with 17 articles by 13 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 the chair persons. Departing officers include myself, Steve Vining and Sandy O'Halloran. They did some heavy lifting.

Your new officers are Andy Clary, Tim McCallister and Jeannine Clary. Please give them your support.

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

Mike Chirhart rotates off from Tour Director.

Steve Vining goes to Tour Director with Dave Ryberg.

Nanette Chuck is retiring as Newsletter Editor. Cyrus Estes becomes Newsletter Editor  
Andy & Jeannine Clary rotate off from Scholarship Chair. I become Scholarship Chair.

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!

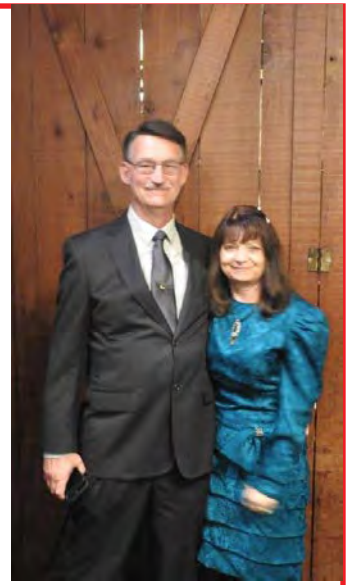
# CHRISTMAS



# DINNER 2023







# TOYS FOR TOTS

Submitted By John Girman

On December 12, several REMTC members met at the Vinings to transport the toys that REMTC was donating to Toys for Tots. Steve Vining, Andy Clary, Steve DePaoli, Larry Summerfield and I loaded up the bed of Steve Vining's '26 Pick-up with all the toys and he drove it to the Gold Ridge Fire Station for distribution, accompanied the rest of us in Steve Vining's '19 Touring and Steve DePaoli's '22 Pick-up. The firemen there were very appreciative and lingered to learn more about the Model T's. After unloading, we adjourned to the nearby Round Table Pizza to reward ourselves.



# REMTC Renewal and Roster Information for 2024

Dues of \$30 (single/couple at the same address) are due on January 1st and delinquent February 1st

NEW MEMBERS BE SURE YOU HAVE SENT IN

A **PHOTO of your face**/not your Model T (No sunglasses) to: [jrgplg@aol.com](mailto:jrgplg@aol.com)

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Birthday (Month /Day - NOT Year) You: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary (Month /Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive your Newsletter by: Mail or. Email? (Circle one)

Model T (s) owned: FILL OUT COMPLETELY, mark if "no changes." Year/ Body/ Style/ Color

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Our members are encouraged to join the National Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA) because Redwood Empire Model T Club's (REMTC) affiliation with the National club requires at least 51% member participation. Membership in MTFCA includes the Vintage Ford magazine which lists national tours, and Model T information.

Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA) Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

MTFCA Renewal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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