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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As we start the new year, I would like to look back at last year, and all the work that our club members have done. Andy has done a stellar job with being our President for many years. I would like to thank Andy for his leadership. Andy also put on a number of "Shop Days", this is a tradition that I would like to continue. I would also like to thank all the members that have held office, been a board member, and worked on a committee (Scholarship, Overnight Tour, Holiday Celebration, and many more). This is the glue that keeps our club going.

As I look forward to 2026, I am excited to start a new year of touring the back roads of this beautiful place we call home. As most of you know, I travel quite a bit for my work. I have had a chance to see a good part of our country, and several other countries. When I am away from home, I am reminded how fortunate and blessed we are to live in this special part of the world. We started this club in 1990 with a small group of people who loved the car that changed the world. The Model T offered the average person the ability to travel further from their homes and see more of the beauty of our country than ever before. The Model T was not the most expensive car, instead it was a car of exceptional quality, durability, and value. It changed the lives of the masses in our country and many other countries around the world. It is wonderful to be a part of the tradition that keeps this integral part of our history alive. As we move forward to self-driving cars that have abilities that could not have been imagined when the Model T was developed, I truly appreciate and love driving my Model T's that played such a vital part in our Nation's history.

I look forward to our next year of touring and spending time with all of you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the president of this amazing club.

-Chris Rich

2026 Board Members & Chairpersons

Board Members

President.....Chris Rich
Vice President.....Sebastion Ambra
Secretary.....Teresa McCallister
Treasurer.....Patty Girman
Past President.....John Girman

Chairpersons

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

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

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa, CA
December 4th, 2025

President

Andy Clary called this meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Attendance

28 members in attendance. All chairpersons and board members were in attendance.

Secretary's Report

Jeannine Clary read the secretary's report, with approvals by Steve Nelson & Diana Shimkowski. Birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

Treasurer's Report

Patty Girman reported on our current finances, with approvals by Sebastian Ambra & Pete Rich.

Tour Report

Dave Ryberg reported that we currently have no tours planned for the end of this year. We have our Christmas Luncheon this Saturday, starting at 11:30 am, at Cattleman's in Rohnert Park. Our Toys 4 Tots delivery will be on Wednesday, Dec. 10th, starting at the Vining's home. Andy will send out an email with more information.

Dave also mentioned that he is working on tour guidelines to help members to plan club tours.

Sunshine Report

Dianna Shimkowski reported that a thoughtful card was sent to Jack Mulkey.

Scholarship Report

John Girman reported that our club has sent checks out to Healdsburg High School & Casa Grande High School.

Editor's Report

Cyrus Estes reported business as usual, and that all is going well. Cyrus thanked everyone for sending in pictures for the newsletter.

Membership Report

Ted Shimkowski reported that there has been no new activity.

Webmaster Report

Steve Vining reported that the website is up to date. Dave & Steve are working on an events tab, which will include up-and-coming car shows

Historian Report

Jeanne Nelson reported that she has ordered photos for the photo albums she is working on, and once they are complete, she will bring them for our viewing pleasure.

Old Business

Dianna Shimkowski gave us an update on the Saturday Christmas Luncheon.

New Business

Andy Clary brought up our slate of officers for the new year. We held a vote, with approvals by Steve Nelson & Don Johnson. President - Chris Rich. V.P. - Sebastian Ambra. Treasurer - Patty Girman. Secretary - Teresa McCallister. Past President - Andy Clary.

Model T Moments

Steve Nelson made note of a TT chassis, with a motor, for sale for \$500 in Alameda. Sebastian Ambra noted that Steve Phillips from the Penngrove Power & Implement Museum has passed away. John Girman finally received his new radiator yesterday. Cyrus Estes noted that he drove his '26 Coupe on it's first tour, and had no issues (congratulations!)

Dessert

Vanilla & chocolate cupcakes provided by Sandy & Pat O'Halloran.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeannine Clary, REMTC Secretary.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Jim Pappakostas -- Harry Plevney
Ted Shimkowski -- Patrick Stoll -- Jan Storm
Laura Meyer -- Catherine Jones
Sheri Granigan -- Melanie Taylor

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



Dave & Mici Ryberg

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

- IN MEMORIAM -

JACK MULKEY

THE RUNNING BOARD

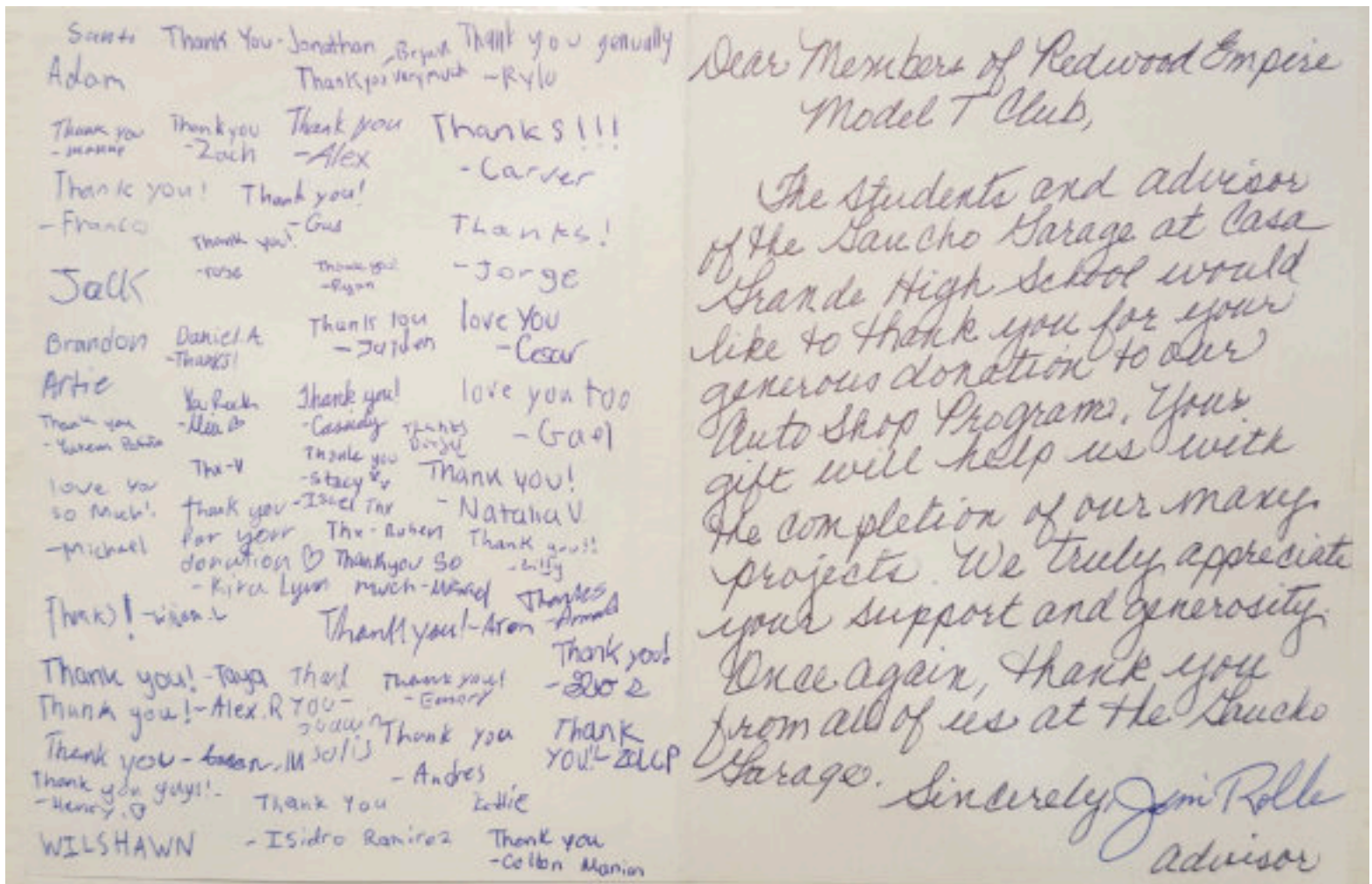
Dates of Importance

MAY 1ST-2ND: BAKERSFIELD SWAP MEET

At Minter Airfield

See included flyer for further information

A THANK YOU FROM CASA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL



2025 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The REMTC Christmas party was held this year on Dec. 6 and was a luncheon at Cattleman's Restaurant in Rohnert Park. Finding affordable venues for our club's Christmas party has become more difficult over the years, so it was switched to a luncheon this year given Cattleman's moved to the Rohnert Park location at the start of 2025, and no longer have banquet rooms to host parties in the evenings.

Roughly 42 members attended this year's gathering, and it was put together by Dianna Shimkowski and Patty Girman. The club had the whole restaurant to themselves since we were the only booked event on that date. The restaurant was nicely decorated in a Christmas theme, along with the additional decorations added to the tables by Dianna.

Having the whole restaurant to ourselves provided plenty of space to visit with others, but coats were kept on given the restaurant was on the cool side, and we had to request they turn up the heat for everyone. After finishing lunch, a door prize raffle was held where plenty of folks came away with Christmas themed decorations.

In summary, a good time was had by all and many expressed satisfaction with a lunch which allowed easier driving in daylight, and allowing some members to attend that live way too far to easily attend an evening event.

Regards,
Ted S.





Photos provided by Ted Shimkowski

BAKERSFIELD SWAP MEET

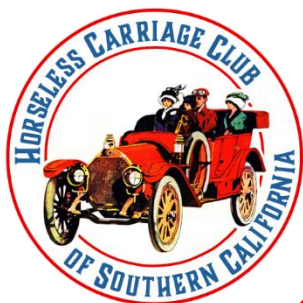
2026



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MAY 1 & 2 - 2026

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