



# THE PEDAL PUSHER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We had a nice turn out at our June social/meeting. It was nice to see some familiar faces and I could see that we were all more relaxed knowing that we're finally leaving the restrictions of last year behind us.

I'm excited to announce that we will start having our Thursday meetings at Round Table Pizza again starting with our July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. It's been a long 16 months. I'm looking forward to things getting back to normal.

June turned out to be a quiet month for touring...too quiet!! I'm looking forward to July and August. There are some nice events and tours in the works. We'll discuss more on this at our upcoming meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Well, I've got the 1912 touring completely apart and I'm starting the methodical process of cleaning (degreasing) the frame and all things that collect oil and grease on a model T, replacing worn parts and getting the body prepped for painting. It's interesting when you look at how things were put together back then. A simple wood frame wrapped in sheet metal. It looks like it would fall apart from all of the movement when you drive, yet this car is still solid at 109 years old.

A mystery!! The top trim piece that I took off the rear doors has a name and date on it "Bruner, Santa Rosa, Ca. 1992". Do any of you know who this person is?? Drop me a line if you do.

I'm looking forward to seeing more of you at Round Table, and on the road in the months ahead.

*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.

**REMTC Website**  
[www.remtc.org](http://www.remtc.org)

### NATIONAL AFFILIATION

REMTC is an official non-profit chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA),  
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Sunshine Reporter	Dianna Shimkowski
Membership	Ted Shimkowski
Librarian	Patty Girman
Webmaster	Steve Vining

June 3, 2021

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Redwood Empire Model T Club

Held in Chirhart's backyard, Santa Rosa, CA



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

**Attendance:** There were 20 people in attendance including all Board Members, and all but one Chairperson.

**Secretary's Report:** Jean Chirhart read the minutes. There was one correction in special events—it is a 4 day tour to Ukiah not 3 day. It was moved by Jeannine Clary, and seconded by Steve Nelson, to accept the report. It was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cindy Vining said there was one person who paid through Pay Pal for this year's dues, which will be applied to their 2022 dues. A donation was made in memoriam of Earl Holtz. It was moved by Dianna Shimkowski and seconded by Andy Clary. Motion passed.

**Tour Report:** Larry Summerfield said no one has come forward. Mike Chirhart will talk to Dick Winterhalder about putting on a tour. A flash tour is being put on by Steven Chase this Friday starting at 8:30AM at the L & M Hotel in Healdsburg, to Calistoga and back with a BBQ at the hotel. Steven also said there have been about 4-5 T's from our club participating in this Golden Gate Tour to Ukiah trip.

**Special Events:** Steve Vining said the overnighter (Aug. 26-29) hotel reservation information is in the newsletter. The Spokane tour is July 9-14 with four couples from REMTC going so far. Nelson's are talking about putting on an Oktoberfest tour again this year.

**Sunshine Report:** Dianna Shimkowski pointed to Steve Cavalli for his progress report. He drove here and has been driving his T as well as Debbie. Dianna said she looked online for when the Villa was opening, it said June 1, but no one has answered the phone.

**Librarian Report:** Patty Girman said the library is collecting dust!

**Webmaster Report:** Steve Vining purposely made an error in a date to see if anyone was reading the website. Jeanne Nelson called him on it and won a prize---apparently she was the only one reading it.

**Editor's Report:** No information

**Membership Report:** Ted Shimkowski said there was no activity

**Historian Report:** Jeanne Nelson had our scrapbook present, but it was pretty thin.

**Old Business:** Mike Chirhart wants to get the auction started again to raise money for the scholarship. Cyrus has progressed slowly on his car. He has wheels and bearings now.

**New Business:** Steve Cavalli had four - 30 x 3 inch rims to get rid of. Two are going to Bob Jones and Steve Vining said he would buy the other two.

**Model T Moments:** Steve Nelson said he had purchased four Ward's tires, back when he was younger, for \$85 for all four, and they are still on the truck that Steve DePauli now has.

We had 3 cars in the Oakmont car show. Steve Nelson has talked to Stan Howe about carburetor's grosset jets which gave him problems on the last tour.

Steve Cavalli said that when he & Debbie were driving the T the other day, there was a big clang. She stopped and walked back to look for something but didn't see anything. When they got back to the motel and looked under the hood, they noticed that a fan blade had come off of the fan and it was stuck in the new radiator which caused a leak.

**Dessert provided by:** Jean Chirhart

**Adjourned at:** 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, *Jean Chirhart*, REMTC Secretary



John & Pally Girman

Sebastian & Joy Ambra

Paul & Jauneice Bobrow

John & Janet Koehn Avakian

Mal & Gwen Brown

## JULY 'BIRTHDAYS



Richard DiCarli

Carolyn Randolph

Ken Caldwell

Paul Bobrow

Anne-Marie Winterhalder

Sherry Haase

## 2021 Meeting Dates

**MEMBERS & GUESTS, PLEASE JOIN US**

JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> – ZOOM

FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup> - ZOOM

MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> - ZOOM

APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> - ZOOM

MAY 6<sup>th</sup> - ZOOM

JUNE 3 – Chirhart's yard -hosted & provided dessert

**JULY 1<sup>st</sup> – Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road.**

**If you haven't had your COVID vaccinations,  
then a mask is required.**

AUGUST 5th

SEPTEMBER 2nd

OCTOBER 7th

NOVEMBER 4th

DECEMBER 2nd

## SAVE THE DATE

TRAILER-LESS OVERNIGHTER TOUR  
AUGUST 26TH THROUGH 29TH, 2021  
more information [see flyer in this newsletter](#)

*"When everything seems to be going against you,  
remember that the airplane takes off  
against the wind, not with it." ... Henry Ford*





Steve and Debbie Cavalli with Model T friends supporting their courage on June 1, 2021.



# GOLDEN GATE TOUR

JUNE 2021



## 2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

### JULY

Penngrove Power & Implement Museum  
10<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 9AM – 3PM  
200 Phillips Dr., Penngrove, 94951

### AUGUST

Gatsby Tea Event  
15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 has been postponed to  
13th August 2022 all day free event  
Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe  
530-544-7383 or info@tahoheritage.org

### SEPTEMBER

Antique Autos in History Park  
19<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 11AM – 4PM  
Kelly Park, 635 Phelan Ave, San Jose, CA  
Adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$5, under 6 free  
Peder Jorgensen  
[pederjorgensen51@gmail.com](mailto:pederjorgensen51@gmail.com)  
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## 1926 Model T For Sale

Our 1926 Model T is for sale.  
The engine was a complete rebuild by Pete Rich.  
Wire wheels.  
Ron Patterson coils.  
New tires.  
New steering.  
New glass.  
Newly wired.  
New radiator.  
New front end-spindle bolts, tie rod ends, bushings and more!  
New rear brakes.  
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**John Berizzi 707- 483-7018**

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*It has been more than a decade  
since we have had a no-trailers tour!*

# **TRAILER-LESS TOUR**

Thursday, August 26, 2021  
thru  
Sunday, August 29, 2021

## Day 1:

Meet 9:30 a.m. at Tom Schopplen Fields Park, 4351 Old Redwood Hwy.,  
(right across the street from Cardinal Newman High School).

Leave at 10 a.m. and travel on Old Redwood Highway and Highway 128 to Geyserville for lunch.

After lunch, we will continue to Ukiah (they are revitalizing the downtown area).

Many nice places to check out including the Ukiah Brewing Company).

For dinner, we will drive over to the BeBop Diner, only about 4 blocks.

## Day 2:

Tour to Mendocino thru some beautiful back roads. You can walk around the coastal town.

Lunch will be on your own today.

Tour back to Ukiah, possibly the same route back or maybe a different route.

Dinner is also on your own. We will provide a list of restaurants.

## Day 3:

We have several options on what to do this day. It depends on what restrictions are in place at the time.

We may go to a couple of local museums or put on, or join, a car show.

Lunch will be on your own.

Our end-of-the-event banquet will take place this evening.

## Day 4:

Leave the Hampton hotel around 10 a.m., stop for lunch along the way, and then head home.

We will be staying at:

**The Hampton** hotel in Ukiah (hot breakfast and WIFI is included)

**707-462-6555**

Use code: "Redwood Empire Model T." Our group rate is \$155 per night.

Don't get discouraged; it takes a while to get thru the process.

The tour cost will be:

\$150 for a driver, and \$130 for a passenger.

Please send payment to:

Cindy Vining, 7880 Sanders Lane, Sebastopol, CA 95472



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