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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Redwood Empire Model Ters,

I wasn't able to attend the Forestville Parade but I heard it was a big success with good participation by our club. Thanks to Sandy & Pat O'Halloran for organizing the parade. It's great to have REMTC back in action for some of our traditional events.

The Cooker Tour was also a big success and well attended. Patty & I had always wanted to go on a cooker tour but, despite having a manifold cooker for several years, we never went on one because something else always interfered. Well, this year we made it and it was memorable. A lot of work went into making this tour happen. Mike and Jean Chirhart organized the tour, Mike & Andy Clary made stands for the manifold cookers, REMTC members made dishes for the cookers, and many showed up to help consume it. Many thanks to all who helped with this tour.

The other memorable aspect of the tour was that Patty & I got to ride in the trouble truck for the first time ever. I'm still not sure what broke on our Model T but indications are that it's the rear end. We are really appreciative of the help we got from our trouble truck team of Dave & Mici Ryberg. They really took care of things.

Now, we have the Kenwood 4th of July parade coming up, and I know the club will turn out for that. There is also the Paoletti Tour in July as well as the Garage Sale. Please continue to put aside items for this club fundraiser. Check the newsletter or website calendar for details.

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 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

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Redwood Empire Model T Club
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2022

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

President: John Girman

Attendance: 19

Secretary's Report: Read by Dianna Shimkowski. Motion to accept Steve Nelson, 2nd Jean Chirhart.

Treasurer's Report: Patty. Bill Newlin audited 2 yrs. Bill said Cindy did great. Suggested separate ledgers for banquet and scholarship, which has been implemented.

Tour Report: Mike Chirhart reported Golden Gate tour in progress now. Social tomorrow, and dinner. REMTC members welcome. Saturday is the Forestville Parade. Meet at Carr's for coffee/donuts. Bring wrapped candy to toss to children. Short tour afterwards. Cooker tour coming up. Will have trouble truck. Cooker recipes are on the Web to check if ideas needed. Bring your own pre-cooked food in foil plus food sides to share. Kenwood Tour and Penngrove Tour coming up, see Newsletter for details.

Special Events: Steve Cavalli winery tour upcoming, see newsletter for details. Steve Vining spoke to Melissa at Montgomery Village, due to new owners, very unlikely they will have us do our Model T event. July 23/24 yard sale, start saving items for general public, not Vintage specific.

Sunshine Report: Jean Chirhart asked that card be sent to Andy and Jeannine, as they have Covid.

Librarian's Report: No report

Webmaster Report: Steve Cavalli wrote article for Vintage Ford Magazine, be sure to read it.

Editor's Report: Nanette absent

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski said nothing new to report.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson wants pictures from Steve Cavalli. Steve Vining said there are pictures on website already.

Scholarship Report: Clarys absent – no report.

Old Business: Steve Vining sold all but 4 of 20 hats. Club voted to purchase 10 more hats for resale. Also mentioned light windbreaker with REMTC logo, might cost around \$40...so far 5 Xtra Large and 5 Large. Women need to speak up for any other sizes. Steve will check on windbreakers and report back.

New Business: Steve Nelson mentioned that included in The Forum, a group of Model T folks from Germany brought cars over to New York, and just left for a Coast to Coast tour. Steve Vining will try to connect with them.

Model T Moments: Mike Chirhart said to stay tuned for his engine to be finished. John Girman spoke of a prior incident where a cat fell thru the top of his T. He used lace fabric tablecloth and bungee cords to repair it for several years. Steve Cavalli mentioned he had a prior incident where his top got torn by the garage door mechanism that hangs down, despite his careful measuring that should have been enough clearance, but was not. Pete Rich mentioned on his 1918 T some time ago in heavy rain, the top gave way and the passenger had to lift the top and wipe windshield.

Dessert Provided by: Jean Chirhart

Meeting Adjourned: Motion by Chris Rich, 2nd by Ted Shimkowski

Respectfully submitted by, *Dianna Shimkowski* on behalf of Sandy O'Halloran

JULY BIRTHDAYS



Mici Ryberg

Richard DiCarli

Carolyn Randolph

Ken Caldwell

Anne-Marie
Winterhalder

Sherry Haase



John & Patty Gorman

Joy & Sebastian Ambra

John & Janet Hoehn

Mal & Gwen Brown

Editor's Note:

Downtown Abbey Fans: Have you seen the new Downton Abbey movie?

"Downton Abbey: A New Era" is in theaters and on streaming pay per view — you'll love it, I sure did.

I have a new email address. Please send your photos and stories for the Newsletter to: 4RNetMail6@gmail.com

GENERAL MEETING DESSERTS FOR 2022

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 6TH -

FEBRUARY 3RD - JEANNINE CLARY

MARCH 3RD - DIANNA SHIMKOWSKI

APRIL 7TH - FRAN FARAUDO

MAY 5TH - SANDY O'HALLORAN

JUNE 2ND - JEAN CHIRHART

JULY 7TH - CYRUS ESTES

AUGUST 4TH - PAM JOHNSON

SEPTEMBER 1ST - SEBASTIAN AMBRA

OCTOBER 6TH - CINDY VINING

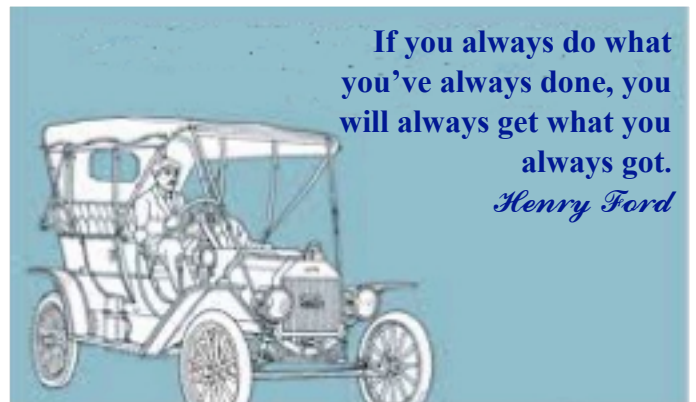
NOVEMBER 3RD - GWEN BROWN

DECEMBER - 1ST - PATTY GIRMAN

FOR SALE

Ricardo high compression cylinder head with small millimeter plugs, \$350; Ruckstell housings, small and large drums, \$275 ea.; Magneto horn, \$65; Transmissions complete with flywheel, usable drums, \$100ea.; rebuilt NH carburetors, \$175 ea.; rebuilt generators and starters, \$275 ea.; 1926-27 block, crank, transmission and hogs head (to be rebuilt) \$275; Front axles, \$10 ea.; (no DBs) steering drag link shafts and tie rods, \$35 ea. Lots of other original parts, inquire.

Pete Rich 707-887-8735 modelt@sonic.net



If you always do what
you've always done, you
will always get what you
always got.

Henry Ford

THE RUNNING BOARD

July 2022

July 4th **KENWOOD 4th of July PARADE** - *see flyer below*

July 9th **PENNGROVE POWER MUSEUM**

July 16th **PAOLETTI WINERY WINE CAVE TOUR and PICNIC by their Lake**

hosted by Steven & Debbie Cavalli *see below - "The Upcoming Napa Tour" - for details*

July 23 & 24 **YARD SALE FUNDRAISER** at Faraudo's home; Host: Jeannine Clary - *see flyer below*

August 2022

August 13th **"TASTE OF ITALY" Tour**, Hosted by Con & Fran Faraudo, Tour by Mike & Jean Chirhart

September 2022

Sept 10th **WOHLER BRIDGE 100 year Commemorative Tour** Hosted by Mike & Jean Chirhart

September 17th **T & A Tour**

October 2022

October - open for your Tour plans - need volunteers to contact Mike Chirhart

November 2022

November - **TURKEY TROT Tour** (weather permitting)

December 2022

December 11th **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Kenwood 2022

4th of JULY PARADE

This is the first time in two years for this parade.
We have always had a good REMTC turnout.

The parade starts at 10:30 AM.
We will stage our cars on Cypress Street
between 9:00 and 10:00 AM.

There is also a pancake breakfast.

I'm still finalizing a few more details
which I will get to you before the parade.

Mike Chirhart, Tour Chairman



THE UPCOMING

NAPA TOUR JULY 16, 2022

I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to attend the upcoming Napa Tour.

I have mapped out as many little known roads as possible to make this tour especially interesting.

We will gather at the **Coddington Parking Lot at 9:30 a.m.**,
and will leave sharply at 10 a.m.

Our first stop will be the Paoletti Winery on Silverado Trail Road.

They will open their very elegant wine cave at 11:30 a.m. for a self guided tour!

Their wine caves are lined with marble statuary busts of everybody you have ever known or read about,
from the Pope, to Nikita Khrushchev!

It is quite interesting!

Following the wine cave tour, we will gather at their beautiful lake and picnic patio for lunch.

Please bring your own bag lunch (sandwich, or other)

and a dish to share (salad, beverages, side, desert, etc.).

We will bring paper plates, plastic utensils, a folding table for the food, and cold drink cups.

We will depart Paoletti Winery at 1 p.m.

and tour South on some interesting back roads to St. Helena,

stopping for a short visit to the St. Helena Olive Oil Company (built in 1931).

This unique little place, on a back street, hosts a very old stone olive oil press
and the remains of the rail car tracks that would deliver olives for crushing!

There you can purchase unique cheeses, different olive oils, and other Italian food items.

Next stop is the old Bale Grist Mill State Park. The Mill and water wheel (Built in 1851) has been beautifully
restored, and will be grinding grain that day in a wonderful demonstration of the technology of the day!

The entrance fee is \$8.00 per person, so be prepared with some cash.

We will return home on several more unique back roads,
but will eventually cross back to Santa Rosa on Chalk Hill Road.

We should be home by 4 or 4:30 p.m.

Sincerely, *Steve Cavalli*

REMTC YARD SALE FUNDRAISER



WHEN: JULY 23RD & 24TH

TIME: SATURDAY 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: CON & FRAN FARAUDO'S
3281 FULTON RD.
SANTA ROSA

We are asking if you can bring your yard sale items by on Friday Afternoon after 1:00 p.m. during set up time, unless you have made previous arrangements for drop off.

If you are available to volunteer your time, please call
Jeannine Clary @ 707-526-7692

There will be donuts and coffee in the morning and
lunch will be provided.

The tour after the Tulare Swap Meet

(April 23 & 24, 2022)

with some of the REMTC members

By Steve Chase.

Out and About



REMTC members Jim and Margie Pappakostas, Steve and Debbie Cavalli, Bob and Jayne Jones, Steven Chase, and Donna Jones were all in Sequoia National Park this past April with their Model Ts.



We Left our trucks and trailers at the Tulare Swap Meet and drove 40 miles east into the Sierra foothills and stayed on a charming sheep ranch in little wooden cottages in Three Rivers California. The next day, we toured 6,000 feet way up to the giant sequoia's and hiked a snow lined path to the world's largest tree, General Sherman.

Our adventure ended with a final banquet outdoors, under the stars, back at the ranch, and a drive the following morning through Cesar Chavez migrant farming communities in eastern Tulare County.

It was a perfect three days together in our faithful Model T's.





June Tour

Photo and story by Pat O'Halloran

REMTC members met up early on June 4, 2022 for coffee, donuts, and comradery. We met behind Carr's Drive-in, downtown Forestville, in preparation for the Annual Forestville Parade and youth Park BBQ. At 9:50AM, eight Model T's armed with bags of candy to toss to the eagerly awaiting children proceeded across to Front Street and up to First Street where we would enter the Parade.

The Parade route took us from First Street up Front Street to Mirabel Road and on to the Youth Park, all the way candy flying from the T's, as children scampered to collect their booty and the crowd waved and smiled and cheered us on. It was later reported that the candy toss-er's, "had a blast."

Arriving at the Park before the food was ready to serve, we regrouped and headed out for a short tour that took us down to River Road, over Martinelli Road, to Hwy. 116 and then over the recently repaved Green Valley Road, to Ross Road, and back to the park where the "Rhythm Drivers Harp" was rocking the stage with their R&B. The delicious aromas from the grill seducing our tastebuds made for a hearty appetite.

Forestville Parade June 4, 2022

Photos by Ted Shimkowski







*Photos by
Ted Shimkowski*



Forestville Parade

By Cindy Vining

It was wonderful to finally gather and drive down the main street of Forestville for their annual parade after missing the last couple of years. We first gathered at Carr's Drive-in for donuts and coffee. There were a total of 9 cars. After the donuts were polished off, we jumped in our cars and lined up ready to hit the parade route.

Water balloons were being hurled at the fire engine and they in turn were hosing down the crowd. Next it was time for the Model T's and we threw our candy to all the eagerly waiting kids. Upon arriving at the Youth Park, we parked and visited until time to head off on a short tour. We toured down Martinelli Road and to Green Valley Road. This route was especially nice this year as the roads had been recently repaved and it was a beautiful drive.

We then toured back to the Youth Park for lunch and to complete our day.

A big thanks to Sandy & Pat O'Halloran for putting this together and leading the tour.

Stan Hywet Car Show

By John Girman

On Father's Day, my cousin invited me to a car show which is held annually on Father's Day at Stan Hywet Hall, a manor house in Akron, Ohio. Patty and I were in Ohio attending a family reunion. Stan Hywet was built on a 70-acre estate in 1912 by F.A. Seiberling, a co-founder of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. It was their 64th annual car show.

The car show struck me as unusual in several respects. First, spectators had to pay an entrance fee. The fee was \$16 per person. The show was sold out in advance; there were no walk-ins on the day of the show. Second, 6,300 tickets were sold for the one-day event. (If you do the math, that amounts to a nice chunk of change for the organizers---over \$100,000.) There was no on-site parking. Attendees were bussed in on shuttles. Third, with about 400 cars on display, there were only four Model T's. Because it is the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln, there was a nice collection of Lincolns. However, the majority of cars displayed were muscle cars of the 60's and 70's, with a scattering of Corvettes and a few exotics. (Think Ferrari).



Among the Model T's was a nice 1915 Runabout, another Runabout, a fire truck and a wood-bodied hearse complete with a coffin. As I said, it was an unusual car show and we spent about four hours walking among the cars displayed on a large grass field.



Pete Rich and Jack Mulkey at the Auburn Swap Meet June 4, 2022

Submitted by Gail Sharpsteen

We were among the many die-hards attending the washed out Auburn Swap Meet on June 4th. Was it ever wet!!!

“Well here’s another nice mess you’ve gotten me into”



Cooker Tour

June 25, 2022

Eleven cars showed up for this unique tour. Well, actually there were 12 cars when you count Ted and Dianna Shimkowski who came in their regular car due to starter problems on their 1914 touring. Also a special thanks to David and Mici Ryberg for driving the trouble truck.

There were several cookers on the T's plus a creative crock pot hook up on Chris Rich's 1924 TT truck.

We took off for a leisurely drive to our destination at Spring Lake. Half way through our trip we made our first "stir stop" to check our food and give it a good stir. OH!! The smells coming from the T's were mouthwatering, cooked beans, sauerkraut and brats, potatoes, chili verde and pulled pork. We continued on our second leg of the tour with great anticipation for when we got to Spring Lake for a great picnic.

Well the Ryberg's got their first challenge as a trouble truck. On the grade up Pressley Road something broke on John and Patty's drive shaft. John safely got his 1923 touring to a stop, and Dave and Mici were there to save the day and get them to Spring Lake.

We all arrived at Spring Lake around noon time. Jean Chirhart had arrived earlier and set up the tables for our arrival. We set up our cookers and enjoyed a great feast. No one left hungry.

This was another fun tour. We have to do another one soon.

Mike Chirhart, Tour Chairperson

REMTC 2022 COOKER TOUR

By Patty Girman

It was a dark and stormy night . . . no wait that's entirely another story. Actually, this was a bright and sunny morning when eleven Model T's and their occupants gathered at the Coddington Mall. As usual, coffee and donuts were waiting for all to enjoy. Some of the cars had cookers attached to their manifolds filled with scrumptious food to be cooked and ready for a picnic at the end of the tour. The others had sides and dessert containers aboard.

Mike Chirhart called the group together to go over instructions and the cars started down the road. The first part of the tour took us through the streets of Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park. Most were four lane and smooth offering all an enjoyable ride. After a couple of "stir the cooker food" stops, we headed toward more country roads. The golden hills had blankets of green vineyards here and there, adding to our touring pleasure. We turned down Roberts Road to Sonoma Mountain Road. All was going well until the Girman's car made a snapping sound and the car began to roll backwards instead of continuing up the mountain road. Not sure yet what happened, although there was much speculation, but John was able to get the car stopped, and it was soon loaded onto the trouble truck.

At the Spring Lake picnic site, Jean Chirhart had arrived early and had the tablecloths secure and the plates and utensils ready. The cookers were placed on the wooden racks made by Andy Clary and Mike Chirhart. These supplied a nice steady base. Some of the food didn't quite get enough cooking time, as this was a short trip of only about 30 miles, but there was plenty for all. Chris Rich had a very hot crock pot of chili available. It seems he loaded a generator on the bed of his TTruck to supply current to his crock pot. There was some debate as to if this was ingenious or maybe had a little element of cheating. No decision was made. After enjoying the community spread and each other's company we called it a day and headed out our individual ways. Thank you, Mike and Jean, for a most enjoyable Saturday of touring and a very unique cooking experience.



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... *Henry Ford*


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