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President's Message

Taking advantage of the summer touring season, REMTC continues to host several activities. I say summer touring season because the calendar says that this is summer but the temperatures don't always agree with that. The Forestville Parade drew a large contingent of REMTC Model Ts and the weather obliged for that event. Our club was a large part of the parade and carried some of the Forestville dignitaries. Thanks to Pat & Sandy O'Halloran for making the arrangements.

Patty and I were traveling when the Founding Member (Gregoire) Tour took place. Based on the pictures I've seen and the comments I heard from REMTC members, it was a good event and I wish we could have attended. It was hosted by Vince & Joan Gregoire and Robin & Larry Summerfield.

We have several events coming up this month. We have not one, but two, Fourth of July parades: one at Penngrove; and one at Kenwood. Since they're on different days, you should be able to make both of them. You have to register in advance for both of them online. (See www.penngrovesocialfireman.org/penngroveparade.html and <http://kenwoodparade.org>.) There also a car show at the Sebastopol VFW. Check the website for further details. Also plan on attending the Cooker Tour on July 22. I think we're still in the learning stages of cooking with the Model T but we're improving. (And, hopefully, my Model T won't end up on the trouble truck this year.)

So, lots of opportunities to drive your Model T coming up. Hope to see you on the road, **John Girman**

CHAPTER INFORMATION

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P.O. Box 1058, Forestville, CA 95436

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

June 1, 2023

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

Attendance: 21 members in attendance.

President: John Girman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Secretary's Report: Sandy O'Halloran read the Old and New Business for May 2023. There was a motion to accept by Dianna Shimkowski and seconded by Mike Chirhart. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Girman shared the monthly treasurer's report.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski noted that there were no cards sent in June.

Tour Report: Mike Chirhart said we need a third car for the Saturday, June 3rd, Forestville Parade for the dignitaries to ride in. If anyone has a touring car and is planning on being at the parade, please let Pat O'Halloran know you are available. Don Johnson said if he makes it to the parade, he would do it. Saturday, June 17th Charter Member Vince Gregoire's Tour. There are two "4th of July" parades, one on Sunday July 2nd in Penngrove (Please note we've been asked NOT to throw candy) and one Tuesday, July 4th in Kenwood. Also, Bob McCallister will lead us to the Penngrove Parade, so we can meet at his house and follow him to the parade. Hopefully our members can participate in one or the other. The cooker tour will be hosted by the Steve and Cindy Vining, on Saturday, July 22nd. **Please see the Pedal Pusher or website for more tour information.** Mike also mentioned the Horseless Carriage Tour in Oct being put on by Steve Chase. It is in Santa Maria. Please call Steve Chase, if you have any questions. (323) 497-0601

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining said the website is working well. The calendar included.

Editor's Report: Nothing to report.

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski had nothing to report.

Historian Report: Nothing to report.

Scholarship Report: Andy Clary was not here. Nothing to report.

Old Business: John Girman talked about the meeting held a few months back regarding the proposed changes to the by-laws for our club. He then read those changes. Jean Chirhart made a motion to accept these new changes. Steve Cavalli seconded the motion. The vote count was 21 Yes and 0 No. The motion passed.

New Business: John Girman will reserve the room at Round Table Pizza for the balance of the year.

Model T Moments: Mike Chirhart shared a moment with us. While driving his newly restored Model T at around 35 MPH his leather strap that holds the top to the windshield Snapped. The force then caused the other strap to snap too. The top flew back onto the car. Note to all: Check Your Leather Straps.

Steve Cavalli shared that Steve Chase had a blow out on his Model T. May have been the air pressure was too low. Note to all: Check the air pressure on your tires to prevent the tubes from shifting if the pressure is too low.

Dessert Provided by: Bob and Linda Solomon

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Dianna Shimkowski, 2nd by Mike Chirhart, motion carried. Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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





July 2023
Anniversaries



JULY
BIRTHDAYS



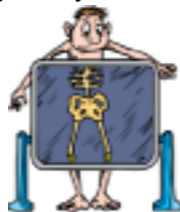
Sebastian & Joy Ambra
John & Janet Avakian
Mal & Gwen Brown
John & Patty Girman

Richard DiCarli
Sherry Haase
Mici Rybeng
Carolyn Randolph
Tracy Long
AnneMarie Winterhalder

COVER PHOTO
Email your “clever caption” idea to go with the cover photo. The subject is **SAFETY**
WINNING QUOTE WILL BE IN NEXT MONTH’S 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

REPAIRS and RESTORATION
Get well
ALL appear to be well and in good repair!
Pete Rich is home recovering from knee surgery.
And Steve Cavalli will have surgery in July. Our best wishes for him and Debbie and family.



THE RUNNING BOARD

JULY

Fourth of July Parades

Penngrove Parade is on Sunday the **2nd** www.penngrovesocialfireman.org/penngroveparade.html

Please note we have been asked NOT to throw candy
we will meet at Bob McCallister's home and follow him to the tour

Kenwood Parade is on Tuesday the **4th** <http://kenwoodparade.org>

both parades require that you register online in advance to participate

Saturday 22nd - Cooker Tour

Meet at Lion's Grove picnic area in Ragle Ranch Park. Leave around 9:30 AM. We will have a trouble truck.

Meet at the Washoe House parking lot at 9:00 AM for coffee and donuts.

A drive to warm up our food with a couple of stops to stir our food and end up at Ragle Ranch Park in Sebastopol.

If you have a Park pass please bring it otherwise you will have to pay \$7.00 per vehicle for park entrance fees.

Please have the exact amount to speed up getting through the check-in.

When using the cooker on you Model T to warm up your food please keep in mind that you should precook all food
as the temperature off the "T" manifold runs about 180 degrees. Not enough to cook uncooked food.

I have an extra cooker if someone needs one. If you do not have a cooker, please bring along something to share.

We will provide water, plates, napkins, and utensils. If you want something else to drink, please bring your own.

Hosted by Steve & Cindy Vining

AUGUST

New Members Tour

In Planning.

SEPTEMBER - 9th

New Grass Tour

Meet at Washoe House at 9:30 AM. Hosted by Vince O'Brien

Overnighter Delta Tour

20th thru 24th - *See Flyer and registration form in Pedal Pusher - next two pages.*

OCTOBER

T & A Tour - in planning

NOVEMBER

Rain or Shine Tour - in planning

DECEMBER 10th

Sunday - **Christmas Dinner at Cattleman's Restaurant** in Petaluma

The 47th ANNUAL PENNGROVE PARADE

FIRST SUNDAY IN JULY

JULY 2, 2023 11:00 A.M.

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| 2. DECORATED CARS | 12. GO CARTS | 21. MOUNTED-FANCY DRESS (18yrs +) |
| 3. DECORATED MOTORCYCLES | 13. COLOR GUARD | 22. MOUNTED-FANCY DRESS (17 yrs-below) |
| 4. DECORATED BICYCLES | 14. BANDS | 23. MOUNTED (8yrs & below) |
| 5. DECORATED WAGONS & TRUCKS | 15. MARCHING GROUP | 24. MOUNTED GROUP |
| 6. ANTIQUE VEHICLES – CARS | 16. MARCHING NOVELTY GROUP | 25. BEST IMAGINATION |
| 7. ANTIQUE VEHICLES – TRUCKS | 17. DECORATED NOVELTY | 26. CLASSIC CAR |
| 8. MILITARY HERO | 18. HISTORICAL ELEMENT | 27. MILITARY HERO |
| 9. ANTIQUE VEHICLES- MILITARY | | |
| 10. TRACTORS | 19. MOUNTED-NOVELTY (18yrs +) | 28. KIDS GROUP |
| | | 29. WHATEVER!!!!!!! |

**ASSEMBLE AT PENNGROVE PARK. ENTRANTS SHOULD BE READY NO LATER THAN 10AM
NO ENTRIES ALLOWED IN PARK ONCE BARRICADES ARE IN PLACE.**

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____

TYPE OF ENTRY _____

In entering this event, I agree to abide by all rules and decisions of the Chairperson of the Parade and the Penngrove Social Firemen. I further agree to release the Penngrove Social Firemen and its members, all Penngrove businesses, all Sonoma County Agencies, SMART, and cooperating Penngrove Organizations, from any and all responsibility for loss, damage, or injury to any person or property from my participation in this event, I will conduct myself in a safe, mannerly and lawful manner at all times during the parade.

*****NO CANDY MAY BE THROWN FROM YOUR ENTRY. IT MUST BE PASSED OUT BY SOMEONE WALKING ALONG YOUR ENTRY. THIS IS A MAJOR SAFETY ISSUE SO CHILDREN WILL NOT BE INJURED BY THE WHEELS.*****

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

Entrants will not be permitted to participate unless a signed entry form is on record. Parents must sign for minors.

Parade entry form must be received no later than Thursday, June 29th by 2PM at Javamore Café, or fax to 707-794-1520, or mail to: Parade Chairpersons Kim Hanson PO Box 870, Penngrove CA 94951, or email mrsijava@hotmail.com
Contact: Kim 707-794-1516 (Café)

California Delta Tour
Wednesday, September 20th
Thru
Sunday, September 24, 2023

Day 1

Arrive in the afternoon and settle in. Social that evening in the back of the hotel on the greens.

Day 2

Drive to Rio Vista, Tour the Dutra Museum and Rio Vista Museum. Lunch at Fosters Big Horn then off to The Real McCoy Ferry #2 for a trip across the Sacramento River and then touring the Delta region.

Day 3

Follow the Sacramento River to Sacramento for a Docent led tour of the California Railroad Museum. Lunch on your own in Old Town Sacramento, then a tour of the California Auto Museum after lunch. After that a leisurely drive back to the Ryde.

Day 4

More exploring of the Delta with a stop at Locke to tour the Chinese settlements and then drive through Clarksburg with a stop at the Old Sugar Mill Facility for food truck lunch, tour and then back to Ryde for the evening banquet.

Day 5

Farewells and drive back home

We'll be staying at the Ryde Hotel, 916-776-1318. Room rate \$99.00 per night. If no one answers leave a message and they will get back to you. No pets allowed. Service animals only.

Tour cost will be **\$150.00** per person.

Please fill out the attached form and send it along with your check to:

Patty Girman, 8565 Oak Circle, Cotati, CA. 94931

California Delta Tour
Wednesday, September 20th
Thru
Sunday, September 24, 2023

Registration Form

Meal selection for Saturday's Banquet. Please select one per person.

- Vegetarian penne pasta w/roasted vegetables _____
- Herbed salmon in white wine sauce _____
- Slow roasted prime rib _____
- Chicken Béchamel _____

All meals come with a salad, Artisan bread and butter, creamy mashed potatoes and a dessert assortment.

Members Name: _____ \$150.00
Spouse Name: _____ \$150.00
Guest Name: _____ \$150.00

Total:

Please mail form with check made out to **REMTC** to: **Patty Girman, 8565 Oak Circle, Cotati, CA. 94931**

Please have all Registrations in by August 31st
In additional questions call Mike Chirhart at 707-545-5883

Golden Gate Tour

Marin and Western Sonoma Counties

May 29 - June 3, 2023

photos by Steven Chase





June 17
Founding Member Vince Gregoire's Tour
Photos by Steve Nelson and Ted Shimkowski





Forestville Parade

by Ted Shimkowski



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