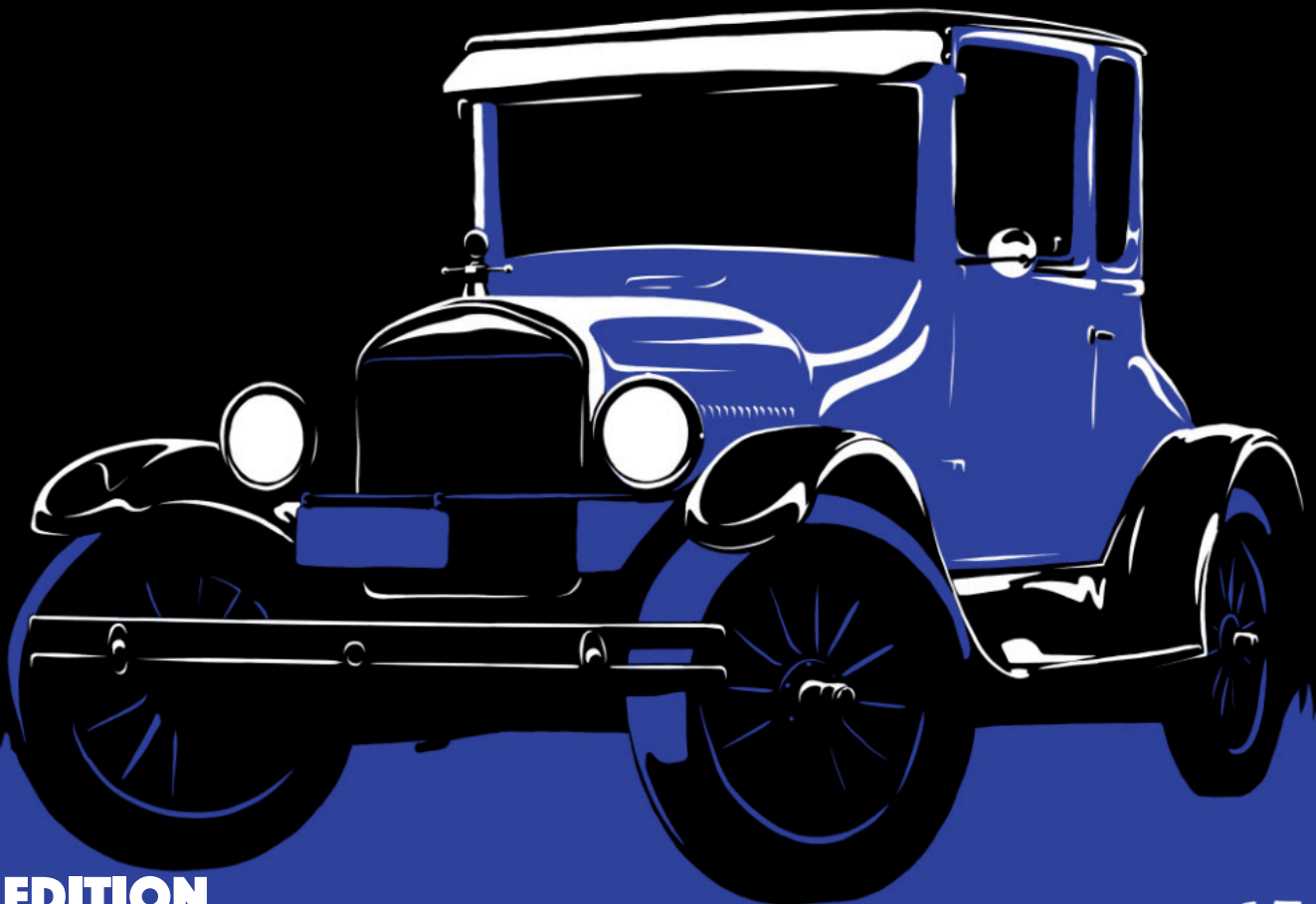


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello REMTC, members. 250 years ago, these words were spoken and I feel they are as important today as they were 250 years ago.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly, all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

I wish you all the very best on our Nation's Independence Day.

-Chris

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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
Dues for an individual, or a household, are \$30 per year. Student memberships (no fee) include only the emailed REMTC newsletter. Charter members above 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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R.E.M.T.C.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa, CA
June 6th, 2026

President

Chris Rich called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm. Chris thanked Jimmy & Tracy Long for an outstanding Drive-A-Lizzy event with a driving course and luncheon.

Attendance

35 members in attendance. All Chairpersons and four Board Members were in attendance, Sebastian Ambra was absent.

Secretary's Report

Teresa McCallister read the secretary's report, with approvals by Steve Vining and James Harris. Birthdays & anniversaries were announced.

Treasurer's Report

Patty Girman reported on our current finances, with approvals by Dodge Riedy & Cindy Vining. An audit of the 2025 bank account has been performed by Teresa McCallister.

Tour Report

Dave Ryberg reported on upcoming tours:

June:

- **6th** - Forestville Park Parade. Meet at Carr's Drive Inn between 9-9:30 am. Sandy O'Halloran reminded everyone to bring candy.
- **13th** - Meet at Tom Shopflin Fields (across from Cardinal Newman High School) for the tour to Sonoma Millworks, which can accommodate an unlimited number of people. The owner will give a tour, showing how they reprocess lumber to make furniture and flooring. The tour will be followed by a picnic lunch, provided by yourself, at Seghesio Family Vineyard. The vineyard can accommodate approximately 16 people. We can share bottle of their wine, but are not planning a wine tasting event for the club. Please let Dave know if you plan on attending the lunch.
- **20th** - R.E.M.T.C. Shop Day at Andy's at 9 am, & the Peggy Sue Car Show & Cruise.
- **21st** - Father's Day Show & Shine at Julliard Park, Santa Rosa.

July:

- **4th** - R.E.M.T.C Nelson's U.S.A 250th Celebration Party, R.S.V.P.
- **5th** - Penngrove Park Parade.
- **11th** - Penngrove Power & Implement Museum demonstrations, the one time each year that they have everything running.
- **18th** - Sebastopol V.F.W. Car Show

August:

- T.B.A (not the 11th) - Montgomery High School Alumni Car Show
- 15th - R.E.M.T.C T & A Tour with the Sonoma Model A Club.

September:

- **19th** - Wheels & Wings Car Show, Pacific Coast Air Museum.

October:

- **7th-11th** (date changed) - Overnight Tour to Monterey County, coordinated by Pat O'Halloran. They are looking at staying at the Naval Post Graduate School, which is on a Naval base and requires a background check. This may limit the participants to 20 people. An event celebrating the Navy's 250th year will also be happening, and may impact reservations. The rooms are \$145/night and include breakfast. Text if you are interested.

Sunshine Report

Dianna Shimkowski reported that she sent a get well card to Steve DePaoli, who was in the hospital.

Scholarship Report

John Girman thanked everyone for their contributions to the raffle, and encouraged members to also donate hardware in the future. He reported that we made a great contribution to the scholarship fund tonight, and thanked Jeannine Clary for selling tickets each meeting.

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R.E.M.T.C.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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Editor's Report

Cyrus Estes asked if everyone was able to open the recent Pedal Pusher newsletter, because he experimented with the sizing of entries. No one said that they could not open it.

Membership Report

Ted Shimkowski reported that there has been no new activity.

Webmaster Report

Steve Vining reported the cost of hosting the website has gone up substantially. He displayed a new proposed website on the TV monitor. The cost of the new website would be \$99 per year vs. the current cost of \$160 per year. Steve gave us a tour of the site, pointing out new options, such as the ability to: click on calendar events to see more details, slide shows available for event photos and member's car pictures, ability to add short videos onto the site, and the ability for members to log in for roster information and to change calendar details. The new website is more compatible with mobile devices. We will continue to send photos to Steve for uploading to the website because he may need to change the format of the image. In the past, Steve would write the code for the website, with this program he will log in as an administrator to make changes, so there may be a learning curve. The Alpha testing has been completed, we are moving on to the Beta testing phase. When asked if they liked the proposed website, everyone clapped in agreement. Chris confirmed the new website has been accepted. Steve will turn on the new website in the next couple of weeks. He will leave the former website as is, for awhile.

Historian Report

Jeanne Nelson reported that she is a little behind, and will get to more scrapbooking as time permits.

Old Business

Steve Nelson asked everyone to drive their Model Ts to the 4th of July B.B.Q. to ensure that parking will not be an issue.

New Business

1. Webmasters report above contained new business
2. Karen and Chuck introduced their guest, Peter Lang. Peter will turn 58 in a few days, and would like to drive a Model T from the Atlantic Seaboard to Santa Rosa, but does not have a Model T. Please let him know if you have a Model T available for him.

Model T Moments

1. Andy & Jeannine Clary went to the Horseless Carriage National Tour and came in 3rd place at the Northwest Speedsters endurance run, putting 600 miles on their car in the month of May. The following weekend, they will be going to the Santa Clara endurance run.
2. Donna Jones also attended the Horseless Carriage National Tour and wore period appropriate clothing. Donna brought a Model T car constructed out of Legos, by her son and grandson, within a couple of hours. The model has some moveable parts, was made from 1000 Lego pieces, & had historical Model T information included in the instruction booklet.
3. When attempting to register his 1921 Coupe with the DMV, Dave Ryberg submitted the engine number. The DMV searched the federal file and found the engine number was in use in Arizona. Dave determined it was in a golf cart, sent the information to the DMV, and received his license plates last month.
4. Steve Vining has continued work on a trailer that he has had for some time.
5. Mark Hogan went to the Auburn Swap Meet and said it was a pretty nice event. He bought a luggage rack and tire mounts which were in good shape and at a good price. He also finished another interesting book about Henry Ford which he will donate to the club.
6. The member who has Bob Solomon's old car, drove it an 1/8 of a mile but lost about a cup of oil. Multiple members commented on leaks, he will work on troubleshooting the issue.
7. Jimmy Long said he offered to help Luke Ransom with a 1925 roadster he inherited. Luke decided he would rather sell the car than repair it. Contact Jimmy if you are interested in buying the car.
8. Cyrus said his coupe won the "Best Ford" award in the Petaluma High School car show. However, when he returned home, he noticed the rear axle was leaking oil.
9. Tim McCallister said he was going to the Penngrove Parade & Peggy Sue events and asked if anyone else was going.

Dessert

Dessert of brownies was provided by James Harris

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM, approved by Dianna Shimkowski and James Harris.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Teresa McCallister, REMTC Secretary.

JULY BIRTHDAYS



Richard DeCarli - Sherri Hasse
Mici Ryberg - Tracy Long

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



Sebastian & Joy Ambra
John & Patty Girman

SUNSHINE

Bert (former member & trouble-truck driver) & Janet Schull were sent a get-well card after Bert had a medical emergency. He is home and recovering.

Sheri Granigen was sent a get-well card regarding her broken hip.

Patty Girman had knee surgery, and is at home recovering.

2026 MEETING DESSERTS



JANUARY 8TH - - - - - NO MEETING
FEBRUARY 5TH - - - - - JEAN CHIRHART
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 - - - - - DONNA JONES
OCTOBER 1ST - - - - - TRACY LONG
NOVEMBER 5TH - - DAVE & MICI RYBERG
DECEMBER 3RD - - - - - CYRUS ESTES

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If you would like to submit an article or photograph for the August edition, please send it to me by July 28th
-Cyrus Estes, R.E.M.T.C. Editor

THE RUNNING BOARD

PART ONE

Dates of Importance

*Items in **GREEN** need coordinators! Contact Dave Ryberg if you would like to plan something.
Items in **RED** are R.E.M.T.C coordinated events.
Items with black borders are suggested events, and not affiliated with the R.E.M.T.C

JULY 4TH: USA 250TH CELEBRATION

Coordinated by the Nelsons, serving tri-tip. Please RSVP, flyer attached.

JULY 5TH: PENNGROVE PARADE

JULY 11TH: PENNGROVE POWER & IMPLEMENT MUSEUM YEARLY DEMO

JULY 18TH: SEBASTOPOL V.F.W. CAR SHOW

JULY 25TH: R.E.M.T.C. SHOP DAY

Meeting at 9:00 am, at Andy's Garage. Activities T.B.D.

AUGUST: MONTGOMERY H.S. ALUMNI CAR SHOW (T.B.D.)

AUGUST 5TH: M.T.F.C.A. MODEL T MUSEUM HOMECOMING 2026

Model T Museum, 309 N. 8th Street, Richmond, Indiana.
See www.mtfca.com/events for more details

AUGUST 15TH: T & A TOUR (PENDING)

Joint R.E.M.T.C & Sonoma Model A Club tour. Details coming soon.

SEPTEMBER 8TH: M.T.F.C.A. MODEL T'S, THE MOTHER ROAD, AND MORE - NATIONAL TOUR

Joplin, Missouri. See www.mtfca.com/events for more details.

SEPTEMBER 19TH: WINGS & WHEELS CAR SHOW

SEP. 30TH - OCT. 4TH: OVERNIGHT MONTEREY COUNTY TOUR

Staying at the Naval Post Graduate School. Pat O'Halloran is coordinating,
stay tuned.

2026 FORESTVILLE PARADE

Article & Photos by Ted Shimkowski

This year's Forestville Parade was somewhat smaller than past years. We had 6 cars participate this year, and thank you to Chris and Joan for providing donuts and coffee before the event. Our cars gathered at Carr's Drive Inn, and thankfully the weather cooperated very nicely, giving us a nice sunny morning. The parade started at 10 am through main street and included all the usual other bands and participants. Absent this year for reason's unknown was the water balloon fight between the Forestville Fire Department and the local kids. Our club members threw bagged candy to all the young children lining the parade route which in some cases was better than Halloween, the candy came to the kids instead of the other way around. The parade route is barely a mile long, so afterwards we all parked on the outskirts of the baseball field at the youth park and visited for a short while before going our own ways.





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