

# THE PEDAL PUSHER

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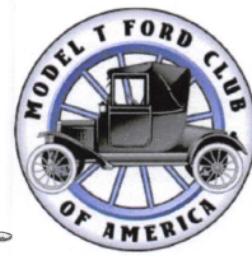


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Time for another President's Message, my least favorite part about being president. As I write this, we have just finished the car display at Creekside Rehabilitation & Behavioral Health, and we are looking forward to the Forestville Parade. Along with the recent Safe T Check, and Pancake Breakfast (thanks again to the Haase's and to the Nelson's) these are events we have come to have annually. The difference each year is the monthly tours that different members host. Between these tours, garage days, or other displays we add variety to our year. So if you have an idea for a tour, garage day, or display, let Steve Vining or myself know so we can get it on the calendar.

Mike and Jean Chirhart are planning-the-heck out of the overnighter, and I am really looking forward to attending. Remember to get your registration for the overnighter in now as the numbers affect the planning. A hotel reservation is not registration for the tour, don't get left out.

Andy

## 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 at 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),  
P.O. Box 126 Centerville, IN 47330-0126  
Website: <http://www.mtfca.com>  
National dues are \$40 per year which includes the *Vintage Ford* magazine subscription.

## 2019 BOARD MEMBERS

President	Andy Clary
Vice President	Steve Vining
Secretary	Jeannine Clary
Treasurer	Steve Cavalli
Past-President	Don Johnson

## CHAIRPERSONS

Tour Chairman	Steve Vining
Newsletter Editor	Nanette Chuck
Historian	Jeanne Nelson
Sunshine	Fran Faraudo
Membership	Ted Shimkowski
Librarian	Patty Girman
Special Events	Vince Gregoire
Webmaster	Steve Vining

May 2, 2019

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Redwood Empire Model T Club

at  
Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa

**President:** Andy Clary called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Attendance:** 36 members were in attendance. Chairpersons absent were Fran Faraudo & Patty Girman.

**Secretary's Report:** Jeannine Clary read the secretary's report and was approved by Mike Chirhart and Steve Nelson.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Cavalli reported on club finances, and was approved by Richard Chuck, and Dave Haase.

**Tour Report:** Steve Vining thanked the Nelson's for hosting the Pancake Breakfast with additional thanks going to volunteer cooks. The tour to Old Adobe was an enjoyable tour. The Safe T Check is this Saturday; please bring a dish/dessert to share. We are looking for a few cars for the Creekside car show, time 9:30-10:00 May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Oakmont car show is May 25<sup>th</sup>. The Springfield car show is June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Check the website for further details. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the Forestville Parade; meeting place is Carr's Drive-in, time 8:30am for a 10am parade. Kenwood Parade is July 4<sup>th</sup>; check the Kenwood Press for further details. Mike Chirhart gave an update on the September overnigher. Please have payments for tour in by the end of May.

**Special Events:** No report for this month.

**Sunshine Report:** In Fran's absence, it was reported that Ray Fioresi had a heart attack. We wish him well.

**Librarian Report:** In Patty's absence, it was reported that Dick Winterhalder donated a Model T book to our club library. Check it out.

**Webmaster:** Steve Vining reported we are still moving forward with Pay Pal and will report when ready to use. Website had a breakdown and is working on a fix.

**Editor's Report:** Nanette Chuck reported that we had 73 newsletters emailed, and 13 sent by US Mail.

**Membership:** Ted Shimkowski reported no new activity.

**Historian Report:** Jeanne Nelson reported that all the photo albums were out at the Pancake Breakfast and were enjoyed by all. The photo contest is on; send your photos to Jeanne Nelson to be entered into the photo contest.

**Old Business:** Andy reported that we received thank-you notes from the Welsh Family; and from P.E.O. for our club's donations to the Olivia May Scholarship Fund, including our club's donation, in Ginny Rich's memory, to the Olivia May Scholarship Fund.

**New Business:** No new business. We were happy to see Dale and Barbara Morrison, from Ukiah, in attendance this month.

**Model T Moments:** Mike Chirhart reported on his Phantom Speedster. All parts are together and should be ready in time for the Montgomery Village car show. Steve Cavalli report he took his car out to the coast to blow out the cobwebs.

**Motion to adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

**Dessert provided by:** Jean and Mike Chirhart, Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Jeannine Clary*

REMTTC Secretary

## THE RUNNING BOARD

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**Saturday, June 1, 2019** *Forestville Parade*

Meet at Carr's Drive-In 8:30AM Parade starts at 10AM Bring candy to toss to children

**Saturday, June 22** *SPRINGFIELD MODEL T CAR SHOW & TOUR*

Meet at Washoe House 9AM for donuts and Tour to the event

**Thursday, July 4, 2019** *Kenwood Parade*

Kenwood Press for application Breakfast 7-11AM. Decorate your car Parade starts at 10AM

### **MONTGOMERY VILLAGE**

No car show this year The Mall is remodeling to prepare for next year's 70th anniversary celebration

**Saturday, July 13, 2019** *Ladies Tea and Gentlemen's Gathering*

Muir's Tea Room at noon Vintage dress requested photographer will be present

**Saturday, August 3rd** *T & A TOUR*

In the planning stages. REMTC is the host this year

**Wednesday thru Sunday, September 4 - 8, MT. SHASTA OVERNIGHTER TOUR**

Our Tour Hosts Mike and Jean Chirhart

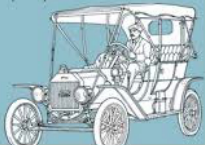
**Sunday, December 8** *CHRISTMAS DINNER*

At the Quail Inn, in Oakmont, time and menu details will be in the Newsletter closer to the event date.



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

May you live to be so old that your driving terrifies people.



Rich Randolph - 3rd

Dianna Shimkowski - 4th

Mal Brown - 6th

Bob Salomon - 8th

George Jones - 10th

Dot Holtz - 17th

Dale Morrison - 18th

Joan Gregoire - 18th

Blake Seavey - 21st

Margie Pappakostas - 21st

Vince O'Brien - 21st

Maureen Riedy - 23rd

Con Faraudo - 24th

Bob Jones - 25th



Bill & Jeanette Harm - 3rd

Dale & Barbara Morrison - 5th

Dan & Mary McEachern - 6th

Cindy & Steve Vining - 14th

Ted & Tippi Grosman - 19th

Fred & Mary Byl - 20th

Jim & Margie Pappakostas - 26th

## MT. SHASTA OVERNIGHTER TOUR

September 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Good News - **One room left** - Don't miss out

Swiss Holiday Lodge

2400 S. Mt. Shasta Blvd., Mt. Shasta, CA 96067

Phone: (530)-926-3446

## MEETING DESSERTS for 2019

Please bring dessert for 40 people,  
and if needed,  
bring paper plates and plastic forks.  
If you can't make the meeting you have  
signed-up for, please call a substitute.

JANUARY 3rd - Jeannine Clary

FEBRUARY 7th - Patty Girman

MARCH 7th - Gwen Brown

APRIL 4th - Steve & Debbie Cavalli

MAY 2nd - Jean & Mike Chirhart

JUNE 6th - Chris Rich

JULY 11th - Sandy O'Halloran

AUGUST 1st - Don & Pam Johnson

SEPTEMBER 5th - No Meeting

OCTOBER 3rd - Cindy Vining & Joyce Toms

NOVEMBER 7th - Betsy & Rich Randolph

DECEMBER 5th - Nanette Chuck

# THE ROAD AHEAD

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SPRINGFIELD PLACE

## MODEL T CAR SHOW & TOUR

**June 22, 2019 9:00 A.M.**

**Meet at Washoe House**  
2840 Roblar Road, Petaluma

We will be meeting at the Washoe House at 9:00 AM for donuts.  
Coffee to go will be available from the Washoe House.

Leaving around 10:00 AM for a short back roads tour to Petaluma  
where the great staff of Springfield Retirement  
will be waiting with a wonderful BBQ.

Music by: Swing and a Miss

It should be over around 2:00 PM with everyone home on their own.

Any questions, please contact:  
Larry or Robin Summerfield



# *Ladies Tea And Gentlemen's Gathering*

*Where: Muir's Tea Room  
330 South Main Street, Sebastopol  
When: July 13<sup>th</sup> Time: 12:00 noon  
Cost: \$40.00 per person*

*Includes: 3 distinguished flavors of tea, seasonal garden salad, assortment of finger sandwiches, fruit and scones.*

*Vintage attire is requested for the ladies.*



*Photographer will be present.  
Please reserve your place for this special  
event, by sending your check before*

*June 28<sup>th</sup> to:  
R. E. M. T. C. P.O. Box 1058  
Forestville CA 95436*

*Gentlemen will be lunching nearby.*

R.E.M.T.C.

# MT. SHASTA OVERNIGHTER TOUR

September 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Swiss Holiday Lodge, 2400 S. Mt. Shasta Blvd, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067 Phone: (530)-926-3446

Come and explore this scenic area with tours to Burney Falls, Mt. Shasta, and a backroad tour to some of the prettiest drives in the area. Be prepared for some fun events throughout the tour.

This Motel has a lot of privacy yet it is only 1 mile from downtown Mt. Shasta. There's a large lawn area for socializing and relaxing, and plenty of trailer parking behind it on 2+ acres of slightly sloping land.

We have booked all 21 rooms at a rate of \$115.00 per night which includes a continental breakfast. Rooms have either a King, Queen, two doubles or two single beds. All rooms have a microwave oven and a refrigerator. Bookings are on a first-come, first-served basis. **One room left!** (if full, *see additional lodging below*) Please reference R.E.M.T.C. tour when booking.

If we fill up the Swiss Holiday Lodge motel, please contact the motels listed below for accommodations.

Strawberry Valley Inn  
1142 S. Mt. Shasta Blvd.  
Phone: (530) 926-2052

Shasta Inn  
1121 S. Mt. Shasta Blvd.  
Phone: (530) 926-3411

## IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR



*Car Show at Creekside Rehabilitation & Behavioral Health*

On May 15th, REMTC had seven cars on display at Creekside.

While admiring the cars, one lady said that she was born in 1928 (making her 91 this year) and that, as a child, she remembers her Grandfather driving a Model T. He would have been born circa 1880s-1890s, saved-up to buy (luxury) a Model T at age 35-55. These cars will outlive us too!

Pictured left to right are Mike Chirhart, Richard Chuck, Pat O'Halloran, Steve Cavalli, Andy Clary, and Vince Gregoire. Not in photo was Don Johnson and Nanette Chuck. Steve Vining and Larry Summerfield also visited.

The attendees were treated to a delicious lunch of hamburger, potato salad, carrot raisin salad, watermelon, and beverages.



## Safer Because of the Safe T Check

The Safe T Check is an annual event that is intended to help us prepare our Model T's for the upcoming touring season. What could be better, a professional Model T inspection and a pot luck meal to go along with it.

The inspection was a great opportunity to bring April out for the first time in two years. April, our 1924 Model T Coupe, was sidelined with a bent connecting rod on the way to the 2017 pancake breakfast at the Nelsons. Thinking everything was in tiptop shape, I proudly presented April for the inspection. Chris Rich greeted me at the door to the Hasse's barn and was crazy enough to stand in front of the car to guide me into the inspection bay. He had more confidence that I could stop than I did. Thankfully, the brakes did work and Chris didn't have anything to worry about. Pete Rich prepared the check-off form and instinctively knew the correct model number and year of my car. My car was ready for the formal inspection. Ted Shimkowski and Chris Rich proceeded to poke and prod all of April's nuts, bolts, tires and cotter pins. To my chagrin, Chris and Ted started shouting out names and numbers, similar to an Oil Stop visit. Pete could hardly write fast enough and I couldn't believe the huge number of items Chris and Ted were calling out. Chris and Ted were very thorough and noticed items I had never thought about such as:

- lack of lock washers on all four Rocky Mountain brake nuts
- front perch nuts loose
- brake light didn't work
- steering shaft loose
- fan pulley had way too much movement
- crankcase arm blocks, broken and missing
- the list continued . . .

Needless to say, I questioned whether it was safe to drive home with all of these things marked on my sheet, but Pete assured me the car might make it home.

The first thing I did was to get on the Model T Forum on the Internet to look up what the items were. Who ever heard of a front perch or a broken wooden crankcase arm block? I immediately put in my order to Snyder's for the required parts and made a special trip to the local hardware store for lock washers and cotter pins.

Day one of my repairs, I did all of the easy things such as installing lock washers, and cotter pins in the castle nuts, then tightening bolts. A piece of cake.

Day two, I tackled a few more complicated items, replacing a fuse in the brake lighting circuit, and looking at the excessive movement in the fan pulley. After a few hours of investigation, it turned out that the fan tension bracket thingy was installed backwards and would not let the fan pulley tighten up. After turning this bracket the correct direction the fan pulley tightened up just like it was supposed to.

Day three, the parts I ordered had arrived so I tackled the last items, replacing the wooden crankcase arm blocks. I anticipated having to do all sorts of heroic tasks such as removing the engine, etc. The job went relatively easy and only required a slight modification of the standard blocks to work. It turns out that 1924 had different wood block designs every few months it seems. With help from my grandson Kris, and some never to be duplicated contortions, we were able to get the holes back into alignment and the screws properly secured. It turned out the vertical and horizontal, bolts which were on the car, were the wrong size and needed to be replaced.

With all of these items corrected, what will they find next year??

**Thank You** Pete, Chris, and Ted for thoroughly checking, and keeping us all safer.

**Thank You** Dave and Sherry Haase for hosting the event at your beautiful property.

Submitted by Richard Chuck



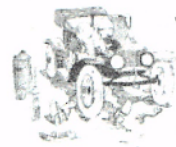


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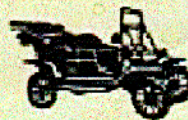
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