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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



May 25, 6:30 PM.: Well I'm at 30,000 feet flying back from Salt Lake City, Utah with Jean and our new family member...a Goldendoodle named Hank, so, I decided it was a good time to start my monthly message.

You might not know this but Henry Ford was fond of dogs. He had a favorite German Shepherd named Pal. Henry taught him many tricks and there are pictures of him with Pal. He also used German Shepherds with his FMC watchman to guard his factories. That's a little 4-legged *Ford*-related nostalgia for you.

I see the light at the end of the tunnel. I believe most of our members have had their 2 vaccine shots. It looks like Sonoma County will be making some major changes to Covid restrictions on June 15th, and if all goes well, we might get back to normal meetings this Summer.

We've had a lot of activity with tours around us. Some of our members have participated in some of them and have had a lot of fun. WE need to have OUR members step up and start doing some local tours. Please contact Larry and Robin Summerfield if you have any suggestions. It's a lot safer than last year, and I think we all want to see each other in person.

See you next month on a tour tour!!!

Mike Chirhart

CHAPTER INFORMATION

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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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May 6, 2021

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Redwood Empire Model T Club
Held via ZOOM, Santa Rosa, CA

President: Mike Chirhart called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Attendance: All Board Members and Chairpersons were present plus others for a total of 19 people.

Secretary's Report: Jean Chirhart read the minutes from the April 1st meeting. It was moved by Don Johnson and seconded by Cindy Vining, and passed to approve the report.

Treasurer's Report: There was no activity with the check book. It was moved by Diana Shimkowski and seconded by Don Johnson, and passed to approve the report.

Tour Report: Larry Summerfield said no one has stepped up to put on a tour. He has some ideas if someone would call.

Special Events: A 3-day tour to Ukiah and back was voted on the schedule for August 26th through 29th with staying at the Hampton Inn at \$155 a night. Steve has reserved 20 rooms. This is a no-trailer event. It is too early to know how Covid-19 standings will affect dinner reservations.

Sunshine Report: Diana Shimkowski had no update on Steve Cavalli, but several others did. He is very upbeat and will be getting his cast off in the next few days.

Librarian Report: No activity

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining said there wasn't much activity. He will put a few pictures up for the Ukiah tour with a "save-the-date." There was a contest going for the best website, so contact Pat O'Halloran for more information. Club could win \$500!

Editor's Report: No information

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski said there was no interest this month. James hasn't gotten his new member bag. Cyrus offered to contact him.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson said the Valley Forge tour was good and had some pictures from it to put in the books. She thanked Larry and Robin Summerfield for putting it on.

Old Business: Cindy Vining needed the information to send Earl Holtz's donation. Patty Girman will send her the information. The Great Gatsby display would like 4 Model Ts for the display down in Kentfield. Someone was going to send info to Steven Chase and Vince O'Brien since they live nearby.

New Business: President, Mike, will host a BBQ for the June meeting. He hopes to meet at Round Table in July.

Model T Moments: Mike Chirhart talked about attending the Vic Groah ranch and antique cars in Tulare; and going to the Brian Blain Horseless Carriage Race Car Rescue Foundation. Then on to the Yosemite tour with 9 other Horseless carriages from the West. The weather was great, and it was a beautiful tour. Andy Clary mentioned the Tulare swap meet was good lots of parts. Only thing he didn't like was the wind! Dan McEachern said the Alameda tour was a great success and had 2 pictures to show.

Dessert provided by: None

Adjourned at: 7:45

Respectfully submitted by

Jean Chirhart, REMTC Secretary



Bill & Jeanette Harm

Dale & Barbara Morrison

Dan & Mary McEachern

Steve & Cindy Vining

Ted & Tippi Grosman

Fred & Nancy Bysl

Jim & Margie Pappakostas

SAVE THE DATE

TRAILER-LESS OVERNIGHTER TOUR
AUGUST 26TH THROUGH 29TH, 2021
more information see flyer in this newsletter

2021 Meeting Dates

MEMBERS & GUESTS, PLEASE JOIN US

JANUARY 7th - ZOOM

FEBRUARY 4th - ZOOM

MARCH 4th - ZOOM

APRIL 1st - ZOOM

MAY 6th - ZOOM

JUNE 3rd - Hosted by Jean & Mike Chirhart
Potluck and Bring your own bottle

JULY 1st

AUGUST 5th

SEPTEMBER 2nd

OCTOBER 7th

NOVEMBER 4th

DECEMBER 2nd

JUNE 'BIRTHDAYS



Rich Randolph

Dianna Shimkowski

Mal Brown

Bob Salomon

George Jones

Bill Rothman

Dale Morrison

Joan Gregoire

Margie Pappakostas

Vince O'Brien

Con Farado

Bob Jones

John Berizzi

"Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs."

Henry Ford





Six Tours in 4 Weeks

...continued from May issue...

Photographs and text
by Steven Chase

Tour #5
Visalia,
Tulare,
and California's Central Valley

Here is where our fifth tour in 6 weeks ended after 2 days at the Bakersfield Swap Meet (now held in Tulare) and a morning drive, led by the local chapter of the Horseless Carriage Club, over narrow lanes through majestic walnut groves in California's Central Valley.

Here we are on the Brian Blaine Foundation's 5 acre rescue and restoration facility in Visalia California where pre-1916 race cars preserved.

Note the massive oak tree growing inside the Model T.



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Photographs and text
by Jean and Mike Chirhart

Tour #6
Yosemite Camp Out



Yosemite Trip
Picture #4

Yosemite Trip

We started off our Sunday morning at Vic Groah's Ranch Acre property where we unloaded our cars from our trailers to get ready for the morning tour. Vic has several buildings (see picture 1) full of vintage cars and memorabilia that we toured while we enjoyed fresh coffee and pastries.

Later in the morning we set out for a 30 mile drive (see picture 2) up to the Brian Blair Horseless Carriage Race Car Rescue Foundation (see picture 3). This was an amazing place. We spent a couple of hours looking at all of the various cars and vintage memorabilia that he had. We could have spent the whole day here but we were on a schedule. We were treated to street tacos and root beer floats as we enjoyed looking at vintage cars (see picture 4). Sadly we had to leave to get back to our trailers to finish driving our vehicles up to Oakhurst to start the next day's tour.

On Monday, we left Oakhurst for Yosemite under clear blue skies. We couldn't have asked for better weather. The views were spectacular!! After we passed through the Yosemite entrance, we took a right and drove up to Glacier Point to look down on the Yosemite floor (see picture 5 left to right, Mike & Jean Chirhart, Steve Chase, Vince O'Brien and Ed Archer all dressed up for the occasion). Words can't describe the view on top. Afterwards, we all drove down to Curry Village to settle in for the night.

On Tuesday, we toured the Valley and eventually worked our way out with a stop in front of El Capitan for a final photo shoot and good bye to Yosemite (cover photo). We had a leisurely drive following the Merced River back to Oakhurst where we had our final dinner, said our good-bye's to our touring friends.

Will we do this again? Yes!!! Hopefully next year ...*Mike & Jean Chirhart*



Above: picture #1



picture #2



Picture #3



Picture #5 Left to right: Jean & Mike Chirhart, Steven Chase, Vince O'Brien, Ed Archer.

Picture #4 is on a previous page. Picture #6 is on the cover.

Steve Chase has invited the REMTC members to join him **on the final leg of his Gold Gate Tour on Friday, June 4, 2021**. I know this is a Friday but some of you might be interested. We would be meeting up with about 20 other Model T's from different clubs and head over to Calistoga and then back to Healdsburg for a BBQ if you are interested. It's a great way to meet new people.

Meet at: L & M Motel Tour leaves at 9:00 AM June 4, 2021
70 Healdsburg Ave
Healdsburg, Ca.

If you decide to trailer up. Steve says there is room for parking your trailer. Steven Chase 323-497-0601

Flash tour to Valley Ford

April 10, 2021

Story by Jeanne Nelson

Larry and Robin Summerfield came up with a lovely Flash tour on April 10, 2021. We all met as usual at Coddington Town. There were 5 Model Ts and one modern car. Those attending were Farados along with Gregoires, Donna Jones and her friend (sorry I can't remember her name), Bob Smith, Nelsons, and Steve Vining with his sister, Janet, who joined us along the way. Larry took us out of Coddington town a different way through Railroad Square. We only had to go through a couple of stop signs before we reached the beautiful, green countryside. The apple blossoms were in bloom, and the vineyards were few and far between. As the tour began to start up a sight hill, Nelson's Roadster said, "I'm not going up this hill." Steve backed down the hill to a flat space to figure out what was wrong. With the help of the "brain trust" (Vince, Con, Bob, and Steve N.), they figured out that there was something wrong with the carburetor float. Steve Nelson got his T turned around and backed up the hill. Steve Vining had gone ahead to let the others in front of us know that we were okay. Vining found that Donna Jones had lost a wheel off her T pickup. Good thing Steve helped with the wheel.

We all got to Valley Ford and sat outside for lunch at Dincci's. It felt so good to be with friends again. Thanks to the Summerfields for making time to set up such a refreshing tour. We can't wait for the next time we can all be together.

For Sale

I, Steve Cavalli, mistakenly purchased a set of 4 new tires from Langs. Unfortunately, they do not fit my car.

If any club members can use these, I will sell them at my cost, (\$151.00 ea.), but you will save on shipping.

Again, these are **brand new 30"x 3" Wards Riverside tires for early Model T's.**

Call me at 707-490-2141 Steve Cavalli

My neighbor across the street is selling a car trailer.
His asking price is \$15,000.00 but he will take offers.
I have more pictures in case there is more interest.
Contact: Ted Shimkowski

- > 1. Make: Continental Cargo
- > 2. Length: 30' gooseneck style hitch
- > 3. Year: 2018
- > 4. Cost when purchased: \$24,000.00
- > 5. Used once
- > 6. Full tie down system inside
- > 7. Hydraulic jacks in front
- > 8. 2 batteries
- > 9. Winch hidden under floor
- > 10. 7000 lb. axles with 8-lug wheels
- > 11. Optional roller wheels under rear
- > 12. All aluminum construction



The **TRAILER-LESS TOUR**

is on

26 August thru 29 August 2021

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Tentative plan is to leave Santa Rosa,

Drive to Ukiah,

Tour for two days

Drive Back

The Hotel is **The Hampton** in Ukiah

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Use code word "REMTC Model T Group" for Reservations

Details in next month's Newsletter

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