

A man in a white t-shirt, blue jeans, and blue gloves is working on a black Model T engine in a workshop. He is using a pedal pusher to operate the engine. A white line drawing of a Model T engine is overlaid on the top right of the image. The workshop background includes shelves with various tools and a circular logo on the wall that reads "REDWOOD EMPIRE MODEL T CLUB".

# THE PEDAL PUSHER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June is finally here, and with it, the Anniversary Tour. Thanks to all of you participating in the tour. If you are not touring and want to attend the BBQ Friday afternoon, left me know by Friday the 6th of June please.

Saturday, June 7th, is the Forestville Parade. The Redwood Empire Model T Club has participated in this parade for at least 25 years, so lets keep the tradition going. There is a pancake breakfast this year so that's always a plus. The details are in the newsletter, and I'll shoot out a reminder.

Enjoy the good weather and I'll see you on tour.

*Andy Clary*

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Webmaster.....Steve Vining

## 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](http://www.remtc.org)

Dues for an individual, or a household, are \$30 per year. Student memberships (no fee) include only the emailed REMTC newsletter.

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National dues are \$50 per year, and include a subscription to the Vintage Ford magazine.

On the 1st of May, 2025

**-President-**

Andy Clary called this meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

**-Attendance-**

27 members in attendance, absent committee members Dianna & Ted Shimkowski, all board members in attendance.

**-Secretary's Report-**

Jeannine Clary read the secretary's report, with approvals by James Harris & Jeanne Nelson.  
Birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

**-Treasurer's Report-**

Patty Girman reported on our finances, with approvals by Steve Nelson & Don Johnson.

**-Touring Report-**

Dave Ryberg reported on our up-and-coming tours and events listed on the Running Board in our newsletter.  
Dave mentioned that the Healdsburg car show went well & the Petaluma Car Show is on May 31st, and should be a good one. Our club will be hosting the T&A Tour this year.  
July 4th is the Kenwood Parade & Pancake Breakfast.

**-Sunshine Report-**

With Dianna Shimkowski absent, it was reported that member Stan Ramando has passed away.

**-Scholarship Report-**

John Girman reported that there is no scholarship update for this month, and thanked us for bringing in raffle items.

**-Editors Report-**

Cyrus Estes reported that the email list for the club has been worked on.

**-Membership Report-**

With Ted Shimkowski absent, there was no report. It was noted that John Tothill has attended his first REMTC meeting.

**-Webmaster's Report-**

Steve Vining reported that our website is up to date. Let him know of any questions or updates.

**-Historian's Report-**

Jeanne Nelson reported that Mango wrote the article for the newsletter on the pancake breakfast.

**-Old Business-**

Andy Clary noted there was no old business.

**-New Business-**

Car Club T-Shirts are available to order on line now at [carclubtshirts.com](http://carclubtshirts.com).

**-Model T Moments-**

Dave & Mici Ryberg now have their car from Arkansas. This car was Mici's fathers and has family history.  
Jimmy Long and Steve Vining worked Jimmy's '27, got it running, then drove until they ran out of gas.  
Tim McCallister got a flat tire after the safety check, and put a new cylinder head on.  
John Girman has a radiator leak & is looking for a repair shop.

**-Dessert-**

A dessert of lemon cupcakes & rice crispy treats was provided by Cyrus Estes

**-Meeting Adjourned-**

7:29 pm

*Submitted by Jeannine Clary, REMTC Secretary*

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS



***Bob Salomon  
Bob Jones  
Rich Randolph  
Con Faraudo  
James Harris  
George Jones  
Bill Rothman  
Vince O'Brien  
Maureen Riedy  
Diana Shimkowski  
Margie Pappakostas  
Stella Dunne  
Joan Gregoire***

2025



Desserts

Please bring enough dessert for forty people, and, if needed,  
plastic utensils and paper plates.

If you are unable to make it to the meeting, please contact a substitute.

**JANUARY 2ND - - - - - JEANNINE CLARY**

**FEBRUARY 6TH - - - - - JEAN CHIRHART**

**MARCH 6TH - - - - DIANNA SHIMKOWSKI**

**APRIL 2ND - - - - - CINDY VINING**

**MAY 1ST - - - - - CYRUS ESTES**

**JUNE 5TH - - - - - JAMES HARRIS**

**JULY 3RD - TIM & TERESA MCCALLISTER**

**AUGUST 7TH - - - - - CHRIS RICH**

**SEPTEMBER 4TH - - - SEBASTION AMBRA**

**OCTOBER 2ND - - - DAVE & MICI RYBERG**

**NOVEMBER 6TH - - - - - DONNA JONES**

**DECEMBER 4TH - - SANDY O'HALLORAN**



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

***Ted & Tippi Grosman  
Dan & Mary McEachern  
Harry & Karen Plevney  
Jim & Margie Pappakostas  
Steve & Cindy Vining  
Fred & Nancy Byl  
Bill & Jeanette Harm***

## IN MEMORIAM

Stan Ramando



# **THE RUNNING BOARD**

## **DATES OF IMPORTANCE**

### **JUNE**

#### **7th; Forestville Parade**

Meeting at Carr's Drive-In at 9 am.

There is a free pancake breakfast across the street, 8:30 - 9:30

We will also have coffee and donuts. Bring candy to toss to the children! The parade starts at 10 am

#### **7th - 8th; S.C.V.M.T.C Lowland Tour**

See the April 2025 newsletter for details.

#### **11th - 13th; 35 Anniversary Overnighter**

Three days of Wine Country touring.

See the May 2025 newsletter for details.

### **JULY**

#### **4th; Kenwood Parade & Pancake Breakfast**

Stay tuned for further details

### **OCTOBER**

#### **16th - 19th; The Last Roundup Tour**

See the January 2025 newsletter for details



# May Garage Day



The "theme" for the May garage day was to help Steve Vining change out the engine in his 1919 touring car. Know in advance this takes a real brave person to allow so many individuals to work on his personal car!

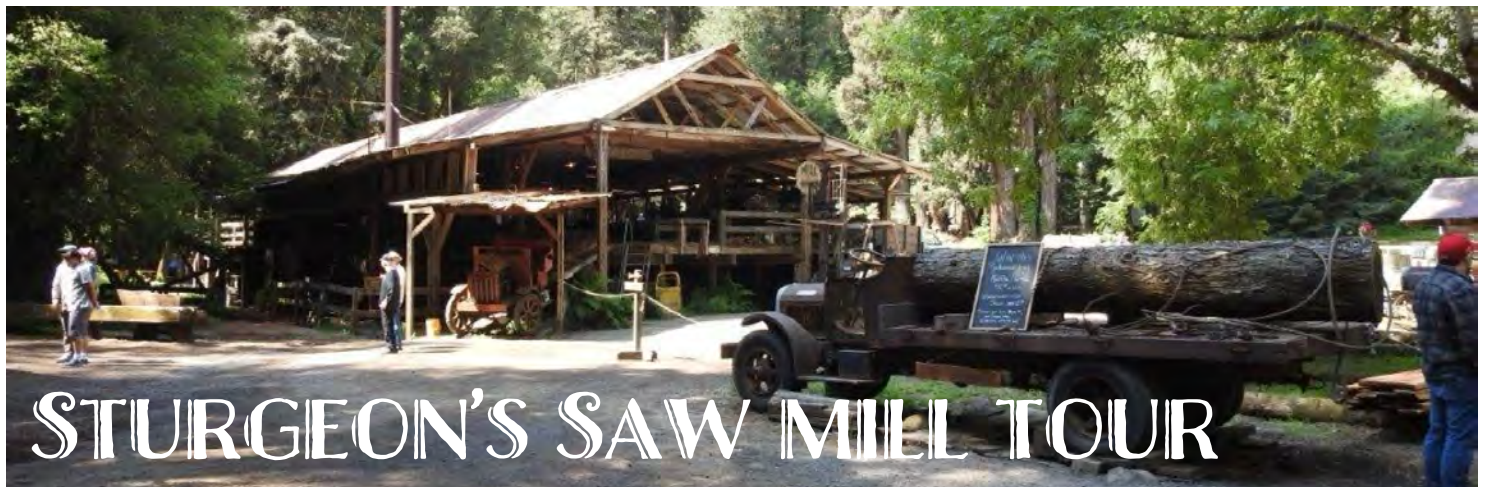
Steve had the car up on his personal lift with some of the basic essentials already removed, like the hood, coolant drained, and radiator removed. There was no shortage of delicious goodies to eat with Cindy Vining baking up lots of delicious treats like coffee cake bread, zucchini bread, and a whole bunch of muffins, along with major quantities of donuts brought by Chris and others.

Chris Rich rolled up his sleeves and jumped right in to disconnecting various items in preparation for the engine pull. After about an hour with various folks assisting Chris, the engine was ready to be pulled from the car, which came out fairly easy thanks to the number of folks helping to move the car off the ramps so the hoist could extract the engine. Within a short while, the replacement engine was outfitted with the needed items like the distributor drive and advance linkage and was ready to be installed. Once again, a number of folks jumped in to help move the car as the new engine was lowered into the chassis and bolted into place. Miraculously, by mid-afternoon, the engine was test started, indicating the job was successful. It remains to be seen if Steve will ever find all of his tools that were used for this job, but I guess that's the price one must pay for cheap labor. Thanks to all who came and helped, Steve was able to finishing all the small items later, and used this car on the saw mill tour the following weekend and it ran great.



Respectfully,  
Ted





Last Saturday, the REMTC had a tour to the Sturgeon's Saw Mill, hosted by Dave & Mici Ryberg. Everyone gathered at the Washoe House where it was sunny but extremely windy and cold. Thankfully, Dave & Mici brought lots of hot coffee and donut treats to be enjoyed by all.

A total of 7 Model T's showed up along with one nice looking Lincoln from the Horseless Carriage Club. Dave took us the scenic route out towards the coast and through Duncan Mill where we finally arrived at Sturgeon's Mill. Thankfully, being inland and tucked against the hills, the cold winds that we fought going out were gone and it was quite pleasant weather at the mill. Demonstration of the mill in action was shown by various volunteers, and we actually got to see a monster log getting sliced into planks. Folks were allowed to roam the mill site in search of interesting displays, as well as to have a nice burger or hot dog to help raise funds for the mill's operation. Folks were on their own time schedule to stay as long as they liked and then head home afterwards. It's always a nice treat to see this mill in operation. Thank you to Dave and Mici for hosting this tour.

Respectfully,  
Ted





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