

REDWOOD EMPIRE MODEL T CLUB P.O. Box 1058 Forestville, CA 95436







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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the beautiful weather we have been having this month I'm sure you all are getting the bug to get out and drive your T's. I've been out in my shop changing oil, and spending time under my T's, making sure everything is tight and in place. I hope to get a passing grade when I go for my safety check at the Haase's on March 28th.

This meeting will be the first meeting that we start our Scholarship Fund Raiser. If you have any items you would like to donate for the fund raiser, please bring them in. I feel quite confident, that once this gets rolling, it will be a fun event that we all look forward to participating in at each meeting.

Quote of the Month:

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

Mike Chirhart

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

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.

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Sunshine Reporter Fran Faraudo

Membership Ted Shimkowski

Librarian Patty Girman

Webmaster Steve Vining

February 6, 2020

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Redwood Empire Model T Club

at

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, CA

President: Mike Chirhart called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Attendance: 47 people were in attendance with all board and committee members present.

Secretary's Report: Jean Chirhart read last month's meeting minutes and corrected a spot in the New Business section that she and Dianna Shimkowski, not Robin Summerfield, would co-host the Christmas Party. The report was then approved by Fran Faraudo and seconded by Steve Vining.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Vining reported that our finances are in good shape with most of our members renewing. They were approved by Don Johnson and seconded by Robin Summerfield.

Interjected here was time for Steve Nelson to present to Earl and Dot Holtz a beautifully framed picture of the Cotati race track with plaque inscribe with "In appreciation of your contributions as charter members of the Redwood Empire Model T Ford Club".

- **Tour Report:** Larry Summerfield said there were no new tours, but the safety check was scheduled for March 28th. Steve Vining said the anniversary lunch planning was 80% complete with the caterers chosen for April 25th. Don Johnson said that Rich Randolph thought he signed up for a March tour but the newsletter said September. It was for September.
- **Special Events:** Chris Rich said the overnighter tour is set and the reservations form will be in the next newsletter. Please get your hotel reservations in before the July 1 deadline because after that the special rate disappears!
- **Sunshine Report:** Fran sent out Sympathy cards to the Vining and Shull families for the passing of their father. A card was also sent to Phil Aaron for his hip replacement.
- **Librarian Report:** Pat O'Halloran was given a bag of VHS tapes of movies, repairs, history of the T's etc. and he has turned them into DVD's.

Webmaster: Steve Vining is still having problems with the photo organizing part of the site.

Editor's Report: Nanette said she emailed 74 newsletters and mailed 17.

- **Membership:** Ted Shimkowski introduced new members, John & Rochelle Berizzi and Mike Buegeleisen. Mike's wife, Amy, was not present. A photo of the Berizzis was taken for the roster and Mike will send one to Nanette Chuck.
- **Historian Report:** Jeanne Nelson said Ted Shimkowski was in the lead for the most times of giving her pictures.

Old Business: Nanette Chuck said the Roster was coming along fine, just needed a few more pictures. Steve Cavalli reminded Cindy the IRS paperwork needed to be sent in this month. Pete Rich mentioned he had pictures of a car for sale by a friend and Mike Chirhart passed around pictures of model T items for sale from a gentlemen from Lodi if anyone was interested in buying parts.

Jean Chirhart had the club vote on either a Christmas Luncheon at LaGare or an evening dinner at the Villa. It was voted to have dinner at The Villa.

New Business: John Girman talked about the way the Ways and Means group decided to raise money for our Scholarship which will be given out at a later time. He showed different types of items that could be brought in for a raffle. Possible 5 things per meeting with a jar set in front of each for the raffle tickets –1 for \$1, and 6 for \$5 and the drawing would take place at the end of our meetings when the dessert was being served. The time frame for the scholarships would be determined by how well the raffle is received. It was approved by Steve Nelson and 2nd by Patty Girman.

Jeanne Nelson brought up the idea of a new member packet. Jeanne, Patty Girman and Jean Chirhart will meet to decide what should go into the packet.

Model T Moments: Andy Clary said he needed to get a chisel after painting his car frame! Fran Faraudo said Con was looking to buy another car, but she wondered why, when he doesn't want to go anywhere! It is a 1915 Roaster with 3 horns, 1 seat, and a Ruckstell. People wondered if it has an engine!

Meeting adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Dessert provided by: Thank you. Fran Faraudo for a nice Valentine presentation.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jean Chirhart

REMTC Secretary

THE ROAD AHEAD



Earl & Dot Holtz

are rebuilding after the fire



Jean and I arrived at Earl and Dot Holtz's home to find Earl on his skip loader hauling bark up to his storage shed. He was happy to see us as we had called earlier letting him know we would be coming by. We showed Earl the picture and he knew right away that it was about the Cotati Speedway. He thought it was a great gift from the club and really appreciated the club's thoughtfulness. We didn't get a chance to talk to Dot as she was asleep but Earl assured us he would let her know about the picture. by Mike and Jean Chirhart

THE RUNNING BOARD

SAFE T-CHECK

Doughnuts, Gin Fizzes, get your Model T checked for needed repairs, and Pot Luck Lunch at the in Windsor at 9 A.M. on Saturday, March 28, 2020

REMTC 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

BBQ Games Ice Cream Social at the in Kenwood on **Saturday, April 25, 2020**

MAY TOUR - HOSTED BY CHRIS RICH & JOAN HENDERSON - DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Golden Gate Tour 2.0

Sign up sheet in this Newsletter for June 1st to June 6th, 2020 - Hosted by Steven Chase

Forestville Parade

Parade starts at 10 A.M. so Bring candy to toss to children on Saturday, June 6, 2020

JUNE TOUR - HOSTED BY CLARY'S AND BROWN'S - DETAILS TO FOLLOW

KENWOOD 4TH of JULY PARADE

Kenwood Press for application - Pancake Breakfast 7 to 11 A.M. so Decorate your car, the Parade starts at 10 A.M.

JULY - MONTGOMERY VILLAGE SHOW - HOST VINCE GREGOIRE - DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Ladies Tea - HOSTED BY -JULY 11, 2020 DETAILS TO FOLLOW

and Gentlemens Tour to penngrove power and implement museum details to follow

DISPLAY YOUR MODEL T AT 200 PHILLIPS DRIVE, PENNGROVE ON JULY 11, 2020

"No Trailers" Overnighter Tour

Ukiah and surrounding areas for Thursday thru Sunday, August 13 thru 16, 2020

T & A Tour - Hosted by Sonoma A's - Details to follow

SEPTEMBER TOUR - HOSTED BY RANDOLPH'S & JOHNSON'S - DETAILS TO FOLLOW

OCTOBER FALL COLOR TOUR - HOSTED BY PETE RICH & CHRIS RICH - DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Would you like to share your Model T memories? This newsletter would like to feature your story, which could include photos along with your written memories. Please email or mail your stories and photos to the editor. The following are topic ideas:

How did you first become interested in the Model T?

Did your grandparents own a T? Were they good drivers, and where did you go? Did you travel only in good weather?

Where did you purchase your first T, and how did you get it home? Have you ever purchased a "barn find" and restored it?

Have you had a bad experience getting restoration work done? Would you highly recommend a place to have work done? Or get it painted? Have your ever built a T from pieces? Have you added aftermarket parts to a T?

Have you made a T into a special purpose by adding benches in a truck, or into a work vehicle such as mail truck, school bus?

Have you ever had a bad experience such as an accident or a close call?

Have you ever used or displayed your T in a special event exhibit or wedding?

What was your most memorable tour or experience with REMTC and why?

Do you have children or grandchildren who are interested in continuing your interest in the Model T?

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Golden Gate Tour 2.0

June 1st – 6th, 2020

Hosted by the Redwood Empire Model T Club and the Model T Ford Club of Southern California Steven Chase, Tour Leader



Sunday, May 31st

Trailer to Mill Valley optional arrival Sunday afternoon and check into the Mill Valley TraveLodge. Welcome "Meet & Greet" Cocktails.

Monday, June 1st

11:30 a.m. driver's meeting & lunch at the hotel. Afternoon tour of the Marin Headlands, including Golden Gate National Park, Fort Cronkhite, the Marine Mammal Center, and Golden Gate Bridge Overlook.

Tuesday, June 2nd

Visit Muir Woods National Monument, Tamalpais State Park, Bolinas, and picnic at Stinson Beach, returning along the Shoreline Highway.

Wednesday, June 3rd

Tour to San Francisco with stops at the Sausalito Houseboats, and crossing the Golden Gate Bridge. Visit the Presidio National Park, Crissy Field, the Marina and Maritime Tallship National Park. Lunch on your own at Fisherman's Wharf. Return to Mill Valley via Fort Point under the Golden Gate Bridge and Fort Baker in Marin. Happy Hour at the Trident Pier Restaurant in Sausalito on the way back.

Thursday, June 4th

From Mill Valley, tour Marin Grasslands then on to the Sandman Motel in Santa Rosa. BYOB for a cocktail hour around the pool.

Friday, June 5th

Day of touring in Sonoma Couny's Alexander Valley. Evening banquet in Santa Rosa.

Saturday, June 6th

Tour back to Mill Valley via Bodega Bay, Tomales Bay, Marconi Center, Point Reyes Station and a Rancho Nicasio lunch stop. Optional overnight again at the TraveLodge or load up trailers for home.

Make your own reservations at the Mill Valley TraveLodge (415) 383-0340 707 Redwood Hwy, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Arrive on Sunday May 31st or Monday morning June 1^{s.t}. Check-out on Thursday, June 4th. Opptional additional night in Mill Valley at end of tour on Saturday, June 6th.

1 Queen \$91 per night 2 Double Beds \$120 Per night plus taxes

We were able to negotiate a more favorable rate in Santa Rosa with direct billing to Steven Chase. The rate is also non-refundable after February 29th, so any refunds beyond that date will be dependent on whether the space can be filled from the Tour Waiting List. 25 rooms have been reserved.

Sandman Hotel, Address: 3421 Cleveland Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 Phone: (707) 293-2100 1 Queen \$129 2 Queens \$139 1 King \$139 plus 14.2% tax.

Direct any questions to: Steven Chase (323) 497-0601 or NewNorthSouth@G-mail.com or Debbie Francis dd1276@yahoo.com

Golden Gate Tour 2.0 Reservation Form

Driver Name:
(Print it how you would like the name to appear on a badge)
Passenger Name:(Print it how you would like the name to appear on a badge)
Address:
Cell Phone No(s):
Club Affiliaton: REMTC MTFCSC MTFCA Other
Insurance Co: Policy # Exp. Date:
Sandman Motel Room Type: 1 Queen 2 Queens 1 King
In order to reserve a space on the tour, please send in your tour deposit of \$400.00 per car, based upon double occupancy. The deposit covers the two nights in Santa Rosa at the Sandman Motel, plus a banquet meal for two Friday evening in Santa Rosa.
The deposit is non-refundable after February 29th unless the space can be filled from the waiting list. All meals with the exception of the banquet are extra and there may be a small additional fee for any tour additions or incidentals.
I understand the deposit is non-refundable beyond February 29th if space cannot be filled from the waiting list.
Signed:

Make your check payable and mail your deposit to:

Debbie Francis / GG Tour 2.0, 15333 Campillos Rd., La Mirada, CA 90638-4001.