



# THE PEDAL PUSHER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### Early Spring Fever

Can you believe this weather! Here it's the last week in February and we're having this wonderful spring weather.

I walked into my garage the other day to do some house cleaning and caught her out of the corner of my eye, looking at me forlornly with those big brass rimmed eyes. I could read what was on her mind. She said to me, as only a Model-T owner would understand, "why are you ignoring me?"

I couldn't take that look any longer. "OK," I said..."You're right, it's been a few months and you deserve to have the dust and cobwebs blown away after the work I did on you...Let's go for a spin this week-end." I swore that Phantom rose up a couple of inches in anticipation of the upcoming trip.

Yes, we are doing a "Flash Tour" this week-end and it should be a nice sunny day for it. I'm hoping for a good turn-out even though I know some of you are probably thinking... "Hey, this guy is losing it, talking to a Model T."

Touring fever is kicking in!!!

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

## NATIONAL AFFILIATION

REMTC is an official non-profit chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA),  
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Website: <http://www.mtfca.com>

National dues are \$40 per year which includes the *Vintage Ford* magazine subscription.

## 2021 BOARD MEMBERS

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Webmaster	Steve Vining



February 4, 2021  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Redwood Empire Model T Club**  
Held via ZOOM, Santa Rosa, California

**President:** Mike Chirhart called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**Attendance:** All board and chairpersons were present along with 13 other members joining in for a good meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** Jean Chirhart read the minutes from the January 7<sup>th</sup>. It was approved by Andy Clary and seconded by Larry Summerfield.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cindy Vining reported there was cash deposited from the new member Ken Caldwell and for 2 Pedal Pusher ads. There were 3 expenses for last month - one debit card (post office box rental) and 2 checks (newsletter expenses and website domain renewal). We are still solvent. She will call the other subscription holders about renewing.

**Tour Report:** Larry Summerfield said no one has approached with a tour but he hopes someone will for a June tour. Mike Chirhart will try to get a flash tour going in the next few weeks. Steve Vining will talk to Chris Rich about getting an overnight tour planned.

**Special Events:** Steve Chase talked about upcoming tours in Malibu-1000 Oaks area March 12-16, San Diego club is putting on a tour in Joshua Tree mid-March, mid-April is a tour in Santa Barbara, one in Saint George--a Speedster Run in late April and Canyons' tour in Panguitch in later April. Then the Golden Gate tour May 31 to June 5.

**Sunshine Report:** Dianna Shimkowski had nothing, but Steve Cavalli said that his cancer is getting more aggressive and will be going under more surgery taking his hip and leg as soon as he is cleared of Covid-19. He is ok with it as he put it "it is just another bump in the road of life."

**Librarian Report:** Patty Girman had no report.

**Webmaster Report:** Steve Vining had nothing new. It was talked about recording our meeting, but then voted down because we don't report our financial balance in the newsletter.

**Editor's Report:** Nanette Chuck reported making Rosters to give our new members.

**Membership Report:** Ted Shimkowski said the new member bags are ready when the name tags are ready.

**Historian Report:** Jeanne Nelson had nothing to report.

**Old Business:** There was a thank you from Redwood Empire Food Bank for the donation we made. The Forestville Fire Department made a verbal thank you at time of delivering the Toys for Tots toys.

**New Business:** Discussion on the Bakersfield Swap meeting being cancelled because the person in charge, Bruce Remmer, is ill and can't do it and the fairgrounds are being used for Covid. Phoenix, AZ has voiced their interest in moving it there. There were at least 5 of our members who have gone regularly to Bakersfield and would go to Phoenix if it gets moved. You can voice your opinion in the MFTCA General Forum site.

**Model T Moments:** Bob Jones had a flat tire at the beginning of the Joshua Tree tour and wasn't going to fix it. But, while he was registering at the hotel, the guys took a tube from Steve Chase's stash and fixed it without Bob knowing it. In the past, Bob had replaced Steve's tube without Steve knowing it!

**Dessert provided by:** none

**Adjourned at:** 7:53

Respectfully submitted by, *Jean Chirhart*, REMTC Secretary

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Joe Konvalinka

Steve Nelson

Dani McEachern

Cindy Vining

Jayne Jones

George Merrill

Max Meyer

John Girman

## Zoom Meeting Dates

Members & Guests, Please join us

JANUARY 7th  
FEBRUARY 4th

**MARCH 4th**

APRIL 1st  
MAY 6th  
JUNE 3rd  
JULY 1st  
AUGUST 5th  
SEPTEMBER 2nd  
OCTOBER 7th  
NOVEMBER 4th  
DECEMBER 2nd



*Don & Pam Johnson*

*Larry & Robin Summerfield*

*Robert & Nancy Novak*

*Robert & Melanie Taylor*

## 2021 REMTC NEWS AND DUES

**2021 ROSTER:** any changes/additions that were submitted appear at the very end of this issue (below the advertisers) for you to add to your Roster.

**Students,** the newsletter would like to hear from you. Take photos of your T projects and send them to the newsletter. To contribute, email your articles and photos to the Pedal Pusher newsletter Editor for the April issue. THANK YOU to every-one who has contributed to the Pedal Pusher newsletter. If you haven't contributed yet, everyone is encouraged to do so.

We have received some inquiries from members wanting to pay their dues for 2021. As announced in the Pedal Pusher, "due to Covid-19 restrictions, any member who had paid their REMTC dues for 2020 will not have to pay any membership dues for 2021." *Mike Chirhart*

Any man who can make you believe Absurdities  
Can make you commit Atrocities. *Voltaire*



# BACKED UP

*By Dave Haase*

Twass the Saturday after Christmas . . .

We were going to have a small family get together outside.

Since we had decorated our Model T Touring car for a couple of local trips around Windsor, I thought, let's get it out for additional festive décor.

I opened the garage door; car started right up.

I put it in reverse, backed up; felt like I was backing over something.

Got out and checked . . . nothing obvious.

Got back in, backed up.

Still felt like I was backing over something.

Got out and checked . . . nothing obvious.

Jumped back in, backed up.

Can't back up.

What's going on??? Got out again!

Ooops!!! Apparently looking too low.

Tried to fit a 76" high car through a 72" high opening.

Yup! . . . damaged car top and garage doors.



Can you find "Lassen"  
in the photo?

# The Rise and Fall of the Universal Car Logo



*By John Girman*

Most of you are familiar with the Model T Ford Universal Car logo.

One of the intriguing facts is that this logo had a short life, lasting only until 1916, because Henry Ford didn't like it. This raises several questions: why didn't Henry like it; and, if he didn't like it, why did he approve of it in the first place? Any notion that Henry Ford didn't initially give his approval defies belief. Henry Ford would never have allowed its national use without his approval. He even decreed that all Ford dealerships display it.

This logo was designed in 1911 by Glen Buck, the owner of a Chicago advertising company. It was called the "Winged Pyramid" and combined two Egyptian symbols: a pyramid symbolizing strength and stability; and scarab beetle wings symbolizing lightness and grace. The ancient Egyptians thought the scarab beetle was a symbol of the soul. (Recall that Egyptology was the rage in America and elsewhere during the Model T period.) The pyramid also represented Ford's three-point suspension and the wings represented the freedom created by the use of the automobile.

Glen Buck soon became an advertising manager at Ford and the editor of the *Ford Times* in 1912. His tenure was short-lived, however, and by 1913, he had left Ford. Why did he leave? He didn't get along with other people at Ford (and this may have included Henry Ford as well). Why didn't this distinctive logo survive with its wonderful symbolism? Well, Henry Ford found out that another name for the scarab beetle was the dung beetle. Because he didn't want the Model T to be associated with dung (and who would?), he reversed his approval of the logo.

So now, you know the rest of the story about the Universal Car logo.

# Goggle Pizza

*Submitted by Steve Cavalli*

Ordering a Pizza in 2022:

CALLER: Is this Pizza Hut?

GOOGLE: No sir, it's Google Pizza.

CALLER: I must have dialed a wrong number, sorry.

GOOGLE: No sir, Google bought Pizza Hut last month.

CALLER: OK. I would like to order a pizza.

GOOGLE: Do you want your usual, sir?

CALLER: My usual? You know me?

GOOGLE: According to our caller ID data sheet, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with three cheeses, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms and meatballs on a thick crust.

CALLER: Super! That's what I'll have.

GOOGLE: May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes and olives on a whole wheat gluten-free thin crust?

CALLER: What? I don't want a vegetarian pizza!

GOOGLE: Your cholesterol is not good, sir.

CALLER: How the hell do you know that?

GOOGLE: Well, we cross-referenced your home phone number with your medical records. We have the result of your blood tests for the last 7 years.

CALLER: Okay, but I do not want your rotten vegetarian pizza! I already take medication for my cholesterol.

GOOGLE: Excuse me sir, but you have not taken your medication regularly. According to our database, you purchased only a box of 30 cholesterol tablets once at Lloyds Pharmacy, 4 months ago.

CALLER: I bought more from another Pharmacy.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your credit card statement.

CALLER: I paid in cash.

GOOGLE: But you did not withdraw enough cash according to your bank statement.

CALLER: I have other sources of cash.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your latest tax returns unless you bought them using an undeclared income source, which is against the law!

CALLER: WHAT THE HECK?

GOOGLE: I'm sorry sir, we use such information only with the sole intention of helping you.

CALLER: Enough already! I'm sick of Google, Facebook, Twitter, What's App, and all the others. I'm going to an island without the internet, TV, where there is no phone service, and no one to watch me or spy on me.

GOOGLE: I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport first. It expired 6 weeks ago...

Welcome to the future...





## MTFCA Membership

Each year the **Model T Ford Club of America (M.T.F.C.A.)** requests that each chapter confirm the affiliation of their membership.

In order for our local REMTC chapter to be certified for the Chapter **General Liability Insurance**, we need a minimum of 50% of our REMTC chapter members to also be members of the National MTFCA.

Just a reminder, that the REMTC board decided to forgo this year's REMTC dues to our club, however, you will still need to renew your National membership to MTFCA. It is only \$40 a year and you receive the *Vintage Ford* magazine.

If you have made a change from your last year's MTFCA membership status, you will need to contact Jean Chirhart, REMTC Secretary, with your MTFCA number which can be found on your *Vintage Ford* magazine address label, or you can call MTFCA (765) 373-3106 to get your member number.

Please notify Jean Chirhart, REMTC Secretary, of any changes to your National Membership. (707) 849-7332 [jean.chirhart@comcast.net](mailto:jean.chirhart@comcast.net)



Car trailer for Model T, single axel,  
no title, at Vince Gregoire's

Asking \$500.00  
contact: Bob Jones (714) 608-1874

This beautiful brass era Model T (which is being offered for sale) is also on the front cover of this Pedal Pusher Newsletter.



## FOR SALE

Brass era 1912 Model T Touring  
Ruckstell, electric starter and  
Rocky Mountain brakes.

Can be inspected in Santa Rosa  
Cell 510.685.6507 or  
[jkelly@tamcab.com](mailto:jkelly@tamcab.com)

Asking \$22,000.  
Contact John & Cori Kelly







*By Steve Cavalli*

On Saturday, February 6th, Steven Chase did a heroic thing! He encouraged me to get my "T" out, and he and I did a "wildcat tour" touring some of West County's beautiful back roads to Guerneville. We met at the Washoe House at 10 a.m. and I got to see Steven's new speedster for the first time! He pulled up in his little "Green Machine" with Donna Jones riding shotgun. Donna had other responsibilities scheduled for the day and was only able to join us for a few minutes. Steven dropped her off at her house on the way, and we proceeded to navigate our way to the West.

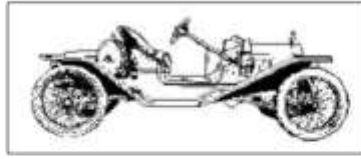
Why did I use the term, "heroic"? Because this man (Steven Chase) cares deeply about others. He knows that very soon I will likely lose my right leg to this cancer, and he wanted to give me yet another chance to drive the "T" while I can. Another reason I used the term, "heroic", is that I had (and STILL have) a mild case of Covid! Both of us knew that the chance of transmission with each of us in our separate cars was all but impossible. Of course, we had no contact with each other.....simply two friends driving their Model T's for a couple of hours.

We had no route planned, making decisions at each intersection based on the road that looked "less traveled". It was kind of exciting! One road, in particular, Thomas Road, West of Sebastopol, was so narrow that we both thought it couldn't possibly be a through road. We expected that it would come to an end in someone's driveway, but much to our surprise, it took us through some of West County's most pastoral scenes! Things got a little "cold" as we encountered the Redwoods on Green Valley Road, but other than that, it was a wonderful day. We parted ways just North of Sebastopol, with Steven Chase heading back on 116, and me turning left on Occidental Road.

I want to emphasize that this was NOT a club endorsed tour. It was just the two of us getting together for an afternoon of Model T fun.

## TOURS AND EVENTS OF OTHER GROUPS AND CLUBS

Events posted below are not sponsored by the Redwood Empire Model T Club



Come celebrate with us  
**The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual SCMTC Speedster Run  
 And Low Land Tour**  
 Sponsored by the Sun Country Model T Club  
 of Phoenix, Arizona  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2021**

This year our tour will be held in and around Saint George, Utah. Bring your National Park Pass because we will be in Zion National Park on Saturday. Accommodations will be at the Holiday Inn and the Hyatt Place. Both are at the Convention center. There is plenty of parking for trailers and tow vehicles. RV's are welcome but there are no hookups. The negotiated price for the Holiday Inn and Hyatt Place (\$119) includes a full buffet breakfast each day.

We will have a Low Land Tour on Friday followed by a BBQ/Cook-out/picnic. On Saturday morning the mighty speedsters will begin their run of just over 120 miles. Sunday's Run will cover approximately 100 miles. Times will be totaled for the 2 days. There are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies for the Speedster Class and one for "Hard Luck". If you would like to participate in the run, but don't have a speedster, you may run in the "other" class. There will be one trophy for that class.

The cost of the Speedster Run is \$110 for driver and mechanic. Low Land participants who do not drive in the Speedster Run, need only pay \$25 for the Banquet. Please join us for a fun filled Model T weekend and help us celebrate 25 years of Model T Speedster Fun.

For a registration packet and more info call, mail or email:

Dana Crosby  
 20609 N. 147<sup>th</sup> Ct.  
 Sun City West, Arizona 85375-5780

Email: [telecros@yahoo.com](mailto:telecros@yahoo.com)

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**Golden Gate Tour 3.0**  
 May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Model T Ford Club of Southern California  
 Steven Chase, Tour Leader  
 (323) 497-0601 or NewNorthSouth@gmail.com



**Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 Trailer to Mill Valley optional arrival Sunday afternoon to check into the Mill Valley Travelodge.  
 Welcome "Meet & Greet" Cocktails.

**Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 11:30 a.m. driver's meeting & lunch at the hotel. Afternoon tour of the Marin Headlands, including Golden Gate National Park, Golden Gate Bridge Overlook, Marin Headlands and Sausalito.

**Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 Visit Muir Woods National Monument, Tamalpais ridge line, Bolinas, and picnic lunch at Stinson Beach, returning along the Shoreline Highway.

**Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Tour to San Francisco with stops at the Sausalito Houseboats, and crossing the Golden Gate Bridge. Visit the Presidio National Park, Crissy Field, the Tall Ships at the Maritime National Park, and lunch on your own just outside 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 From Mill Valley to Healdsburg in the Alexander Valley through Marin's inland grasslands. BYOB for a cocktail hour around the pool.

**Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 Day of touring through wine country, with lunch on your own, and a barbecue dinner back at the L & M.

**Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 Full day of touring back to Mill Valley along the Russian River out to the Pacific coast. Tomales, Bodega Bay, Point Reyes Station, to our final lunch Banquet at Rancho Nicasio. Optional overnight again at the Travelodge or load up trailers for home.

Make your own reservations at the **Mill Valley Travelodge** (415) 569-3948  
 707 Redwood Hwy, Mill Valley, CA 94941  
 (Follow the prompts to speak to the Front Desk (option 3), mention the Model T Ford Club)  
 Suzette or Jessica

Arrive on Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> or Monday morning May 31<sup>st</sup>. Check-out on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
**Optional additional night in Mill Valley at end of tour on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.**  
 1 Queen \$91 per night 2 Double Beds \$120 Per night plus taxes

Make your own reservations at the **L&M Motel** (707) 433-6528  
 70 Healdsburg Ave, Healdsburg, CA 95448  
 Arrive on Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> Check out on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Rates are \$110/Queen \$125/King \$145/2Queen All are plus 16% tax  
 (You will most likely have to leave a message for Wanda or Kim to have them call you back.)





**Two Events Back-to-Back**  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> & April 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>**

St. George, Utah 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Speedster Endurance Run Hosted by The Sun Country Model T Club

Festivities start with an open house and BBQ at Dennis Rutkoskie's Shop Friday (23<sup>rd</sup>) afternoon/evening. The Speedster Run, starting Saturday (24<sup>th</sup>) will include a trip into Zion National Park. Non-speedsters are also invited to participate in the "Other Class".

Contact: Dana Crosby at 602-579-3928 or [telecros@yahoo.com](mailto:telecros@yahoo.com).

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

Panguitch, Utah Utah Canyon Tour Hosted by SNMTC and MTFCS.C

Leave from Panguitch on Monday (26<sup>th</sup>) for a 3-day journey on the backroads around Cedar Breaks, Coral Pink Sands, Kanab and Bryce Canyon. All type of T's are welcome.

Contact: Steven Chase at 323-497-0601 or [NewNorthSouth@gmail.com](mailto:NewNorthSouth@gmail.com).

These two tours are independent from each other, you must register for both separately.

## SOUTHWESTERN PHOENIX *Brass / Pre-War Event*

*Antique Car Display*

*Swap Meet & Tour*

Swap Meet Groups  
 1909 to 1927  
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 1939 to 1949



**May**  
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