

THE PEDAL PUSHER

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Good Mornin'

Looking for greener pastures . . .



I think I found the Blarney Stone!

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Redwood Empire Model Ters,

This past month, Pete Rich gave his talk on transmissions and it was a good one. Thanks, Pete. Thanks also to Mike & Jean Chirhart for hosting the event, which was well attended.

There will be another *Under the Hood* talk this upcoming weekend on *Oil and the Model T*, by yours truly. (Perhaps by the time you get this, the talk will be in the rear view mirror.) That’s always a hot topic because nearly everyone has an opinion about the best oil for a Model T. I hope I can provide some information on how to evaluate an oil. Good thing that it’s a hot topic because the temperature will be anything but hot. It promises to be cold but Steve Vining says he will have the heaters fired up in his garage. Be sure to dress warm.

And on the subject of cold temperatures, this has been a cold winter so far. We generally get two to three frosts a year at our house but we’ve had about ten times that amount this year. My back is doing much better (apparently therapy works) and I’ve wanted to work on the T. However, I think I’ve become a “weather wimp” as most days, it’s been just too cold to work in a cold, uninsulated barn. Maybe, next week will be warmer. Hope so.

Don’t forget, we have a third *Under the Hood* talk in March. Andy Clary will be talking about the *Model T ignition System*. Looking forward to seeing you at the garage talks and the monthly meeting. *John Girman*

CHAPTER INFORMATION

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The Dues are \$30 a year for an individual, or for a family in the same household.

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.

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Redwood Empire Model T Club GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2023

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

Attendance: 30 members in attendance.

President: John Girman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He explained that going forward the Secretary will be reading the Old and New Business only. The reason being the minutes are in the newsletter for all to read and the Old and New Business is a jump start for the current meeting. Meredith from the Wohler Bridge 100 year celebration sent a thank you card for those who brought their cars to the event. They were the highlight of the day and greatly appreciated.

Secretary's Report: Sandy O'Halloran read the Old and New Business for January 2023. No corrections or questions regarding the minutes were made. Motion to accept was made by Jean Chirhart and seconded by Dianna Shimkowski. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Girman shared the monthly Treasurer's Report. There are still a few members that owe their dues.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski sent Get Well cards to Mal Brown and Con Faraudo. Also, a card to Larry and Robin Summerfield who experienced a theft of their towing trailer.

Tour Report: Mike Chirhart thanked Pete for the Transmission "Under the Hood" event. Seventeen people attended and it was very informative. Upcoming tours will be in the Pedal Pusher. March - we will have a Shoebox Swap Meeting at our "Under the Hood" event. A Shoebox Swap Meeting is when members bring items for sale and the money goes to the member if the item sells. The California State Old Time Fiddle Association event has been cancelled due to the conflict with the Sebastopol Apple Parade.

Librarian's Report: Jeannine Clary was absent.

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining needed a volunteer to troubleshoot the calendar. Sandy O'Halloran volunteered to help.

Editor's Report: John Girman reported the dessert calendar in February's newsletter was 2022's list. See January's newsletter for this year's list.

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski reported a new member has joined our club. His name is David and Joni Stoneberg and lives in Hidden Valley Lake area.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson was absent.

Scholarship Report: Andy Clary reported that Mr. Rawley's (Auto Shop teacher from Casa Grande high school) visit was pushed to next month due to scheduling conflicts.

Old Business: January Board meeting notes will be in the upcoming newsletter. Our Christmas Party Dinner is booked for Cattlemen's in Petaluma on December 10th. Thank you, Dianna Shimkowski, for all your hard work getting this event planned.

New Business: No new business.

Model T Moments: Steve Nelson showed us a crowbar made from a model T axle. It had an emblem that read "Snap-Off" as it was sold by them. Tim McAllister purchased it from Steve.

Steve Vining shared that the new members to our club are active, and they reach out to other members. They just aren't currently attending our monthly meetings. Pete Rich shared that Bill Harm has a 1917 Roadster for sale \$9,500.

Dessert Provided by: Donna Jones

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:37 pm.



Respectfully submitted by, *Sandy O'Halloran*, REMTC Secretary

**March 2023
Anniversaries**

Don & Pam Johnson

Larry & Robin Summerfield

Robert & Melanie Taylor

Robert & Nancy Novak

Welcome New Members

David & Joni Stoneberg

**REPAIRS and RESTORATION
Get well**



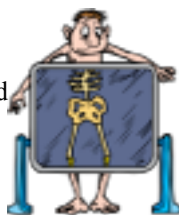
Cards were sent to
Mal Brown

Vince O' Brien

and a card to Barbara Donahue

T'd OFF

Larry & Robin Summerfield
whose towing trailer
was stolen



**MARCH
BIRTHDAYS**



John Girman

Dani McEachern

Joe Konvalinka

George Merrill

Steve Nelson

Cindy Vining

Jayne Jones

Max Meyer

**GENERAL MEETING DESSERTS
FOR 2023**

PLEASE BRING DESSERT FOR 40 PEOPLE,
AND IF NEEDED, BRING PAPER PLATES AND PLASTIC FORKS.

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE MEETING,
PLEASE CALL A SUBSTITUTE.

JANUARY 5TH - - - Jeannine Clary

FEBRUARY 2ND - - Donna Jones

MARCH 2ND - - - - Bob and Stella Dunne

APRIL 6TH - - - - Dianna Shimkowski

MAY 4TH - - - - - Jean Chirhart

JUNE 1ST - - - - - Linda and Bob Salomon

JULY 6TH - - - - - Tim and Teresa McCallister

AUGUST 3RD - - - - Sebastian Ambra

SEPTEMBER 7TH - Sandy O'Halloran

OCTOBER 5TH - - - Cindy Vining

NOVEMBER 2ND - - Pam Johnson

DECEMBER 7TH - - Patty Girman

THE RUNNING BOARD

JANUARY

Under the Hood - Transmissions

Anatomy of a Model T Transmission

By Pete Rich

FEBRUARY - 25th

Under the Hood - "OIL & The Model T: Tribology & You"

What to look for and debunking a few myths.

Presented by John Girman at 10 a.m.

Hosted by Steve and Cindy Vining, 7880 Sanders Lane, Sebastopol
arrive at 9:30 a.m. for social and refreshments

MARCH 18th

Garage Day for Members - Ignition Tune Up

The Hows and Whys of the Model T Ignition System

Hosted and Presented by Andy Clary at 10 a.m. Saturday

Arrive at 9 a.m. for Shoebox swap meet - 1423 Forestview Dr., Santa Rosa

Members - if you have T related parts to sell, bring them, to sell or trade

APRIL

14th - Tulare Swap Meet

22nd - Safety Check and Nelson's Pancake Breakfast

Hosted by Steve and Jeanne Nelson, 320 Liberty Rd., Petaluma

Time and date will be announced in next month's Pedal Pusher Newsletter

JULY

4th of July Parade in Kenwood

AUGUST

Sun to Fog Tour

Hosted by Mike & Jean Chirhart, 3885 Holland Dr., Santa Rosa

SEPTEMBER

New Grass Tour

Hosted by Vince O'Brien

OCTOBER

T & A Tour

DECEMBER 10th

Christmas Dinner at Cattleman's Petaluma

ROSTERS

You should be receiving your 2023 Member Roster at the next meeting. It has been updated with the information you provided on your annual renewal form.

Our membership information is collected and entered into a spreadsheet layout designed by Richard Chuck. The information is checked for accuracy against the latest member submitted information.

When inserting or removing a member's data, the alphabetic format must be maintained. This requires a member's data to freely move forward or backward. Therefore all members must have their information submitted before the process can begin.

A book page layout was designed by Richard Chuck in a word processing document. The blank pages are created to support member data on a page by page basis, converting it into the numbered book page format that is populated when merged with the spreadsheet. After this step, the photos are added.

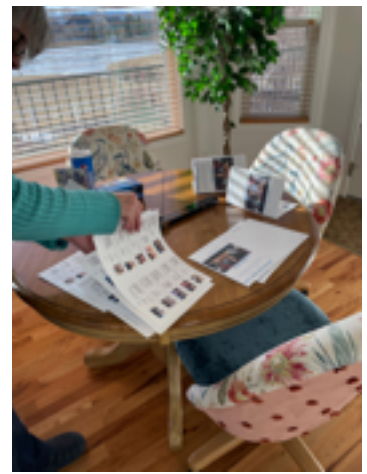
If you have worked in a book printing shop, you know about book page numbering. For example, pages 3 & 4 (back/front) are on the left of the paper fold, and pages 13 & 14 are on the right side of the fold, etc. These 4 pages are on one sheet of paper. The print on both front & back of the paper is right side up.

We are ready to print on our Eco-Tank printer which saves a fortune on ink. Using quality paper, the results have been pleasing. We were surprised that even quality paper has been experiencing pandemic shortages.

We print the 320 pages, allowing them to dry, then printing the back side of the 320 pages. Next we print the 80 covers, allow them to dry and print the 80 reverse sides.

They are collated into numeric page order, placed inside the cover page, stapled with a long arm stapler, folded, and rolled flat.

Printing the book ourselves has been a huge savings for REMTC. What a benefit, especially to a new member, to be able to put a name to a face or to reach out to other members.



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