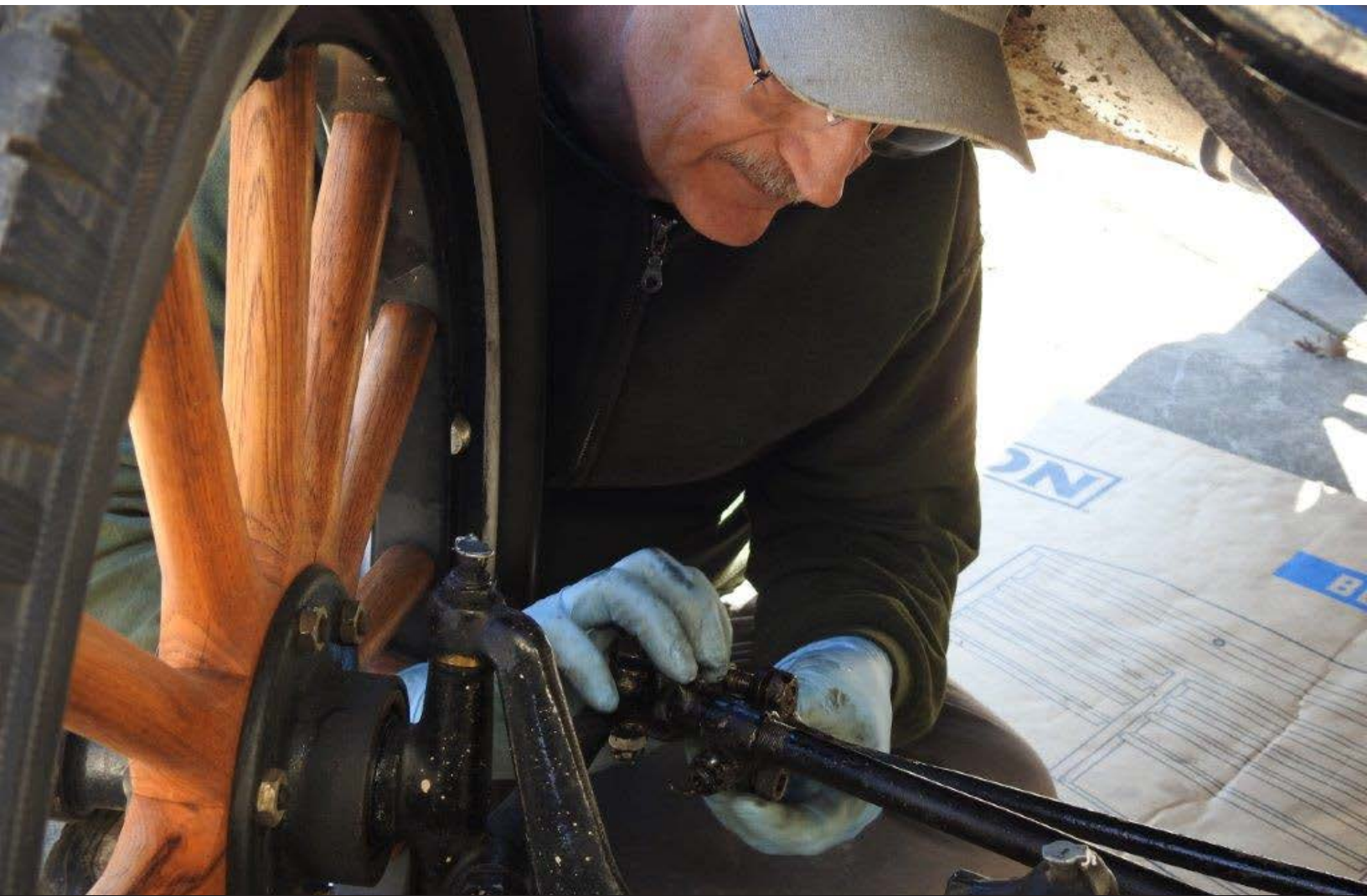




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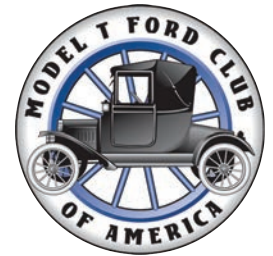
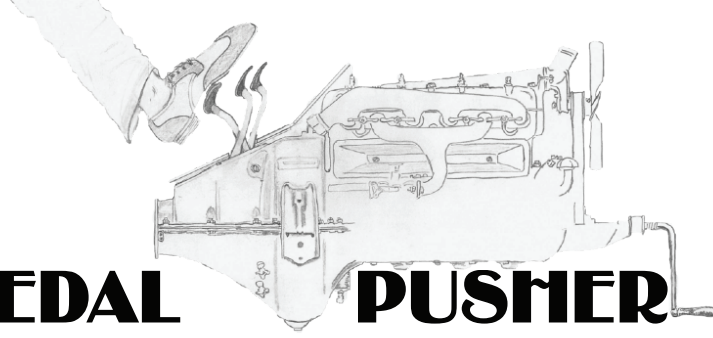
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March is upon us, and with it, the hope that the rains will begin to subside. Enough is enough; we want dry days to get out on the open road. The Model T and rain is not a great combination. February brought us our second Open Shop Day and I think it worked out well. We got the loose parts fixed in Steve Vining's touring car and put a good dent in the enormous pile of donuts that Chris Rich delivered. Check the calendar- the next Open Shop Day is going to be on March 9th, I think we are going to talk about what goes into your tool bag and what you may want to carry on tour.

We also had our first "flash lunch" which was popular with good attendance; see the story in this newsletter. Hopefully we'll be able to flash again in March.

See you on the road,

~Andy

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President.....Andy Clary
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Secretary.....Jeannine Clary
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2024

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Scholarship.....John Girman
Sunshine Reporter...Dianna Shimkowski
Tours.....Steve Vining, Dave Ryberg
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Redwood Empire Model T Club
General Meeting Minutes

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

February 1st, 2024

President: Andy Clary called this meeting to order at 7:01PM

Attendance: 25 Members in attendance. Absent board member, Patty Girman. Absent Chairperson, Jeanne Nelson.

Secretary's Report: Jeannine Clary read the secretary's report, with approvals by Pete Rich and Sandy O'Halloran. Jeannine also announced this month's birthdays and anniversaries.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy O'Halloran substituted for Patty Girman in her absence in the reading of the treasurer's report, with approvals by Sebastian Ambra and Tim McCallister.

Tour Report: Steve Vining reported that we have a shop date scheduled for February 10th at Andy's shop. It was suggested that we call our Flash Tours a Flash Event and drive our "T" to lunch. We have a Tour Signup sheet for members to sign up to put on a tour. Chris Rich reported that we are all set for the overnigher, and to book your room at the Virginia City Inn. We are looking for a Trouble Truck driver for this event. Please speak to Chris or Steve if you are interested in being the Trouble Truck Driver.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski reported that Patty Girman had surgery and is doing well. Steve Nelson has COVID 19.

Scholarship Report: John Girman had nothing to report for this month.

Editor's Report: Cyrus Estes reported that we mailed out 22 copies of our newsletter, and all is good.

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski reported no activity for this month. Andy Clary read a note from Ron Welsh stating his resignation from the club.

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining reported that we should check the website, as we have purchased new software.

Historian Report: In Jeanne Nelson's absence, Jeannine Clary had brought the club overnigher and last years photo albums for members to view.

Old Business: Andy Clary went over the board meeting notes. For all mailed newsletters it was agreed upon for them to be printed in Black and White. The roster cover will be in color, the contents will be in black and white. Charter members are being researched by Jeanne Nelson. Treasury notes that the cost to operate have increased. Reimbursements for tours will remain at \$100.00 for a monthly tour. Suggestion was made to place a kitty out to accept donations for the coffee and donuts. Shop days and Flash Tours/Events are no cost to the club.

New Business: Andy Clary suggested a stay-at-home event for our 35th anniversary celebration. Touring for three days locally with gatherings afterwards more information to follow. It was suggested that we come up with some club fund raiser idea. Please submit your ideas to a board member.

Model T Moments: Steve Vining drove his 19 around and the new gears made a big difference. Bob Smith was attempting to fix a flat tire and was having problems. Andy Clary and Steve Nelson went to Dan McEachern's and said it was interesting.

Dessert of Chocolate and Vanilla cupcakes were provided by Sandy & Pat O'Halloran.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35PM

Respectfully submitted by *Jeannine Clary*, REMTC Secretary



March Birthdays



JOHN GIRMAN
JAYNE JONES
JOE KONVALINKA
GEORGE MERRILL
STEVE NELSON
CINDY VINING
DANI MCEACHERN
MAX MEYER

2024 General Meeting 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 4TH.....JEANNINE CLARY
FEBRUARY 1ST.....SANDY O'HALLORAN
MARCH 7TH.....DIANNA SHIMKOWSKI
APRIL 4TH.....JEAN CHIRHART
MAY 2ND.....TIM/TERESA MCCALLISTER
JUNE 6TH.....PAM JOHNSON
~~JULY 4TH NO MEETING~~
AUGUST 1ST.....PATTY GIRMAN
SEPTEMBER 5TH...DAVE AND MICI RYBERG
OCTOBER 3RD.....CINDY VINING
NOVEMBER 7TH.....SEBASTIAN AMBRA
DECEMBER 5TH.....STEVE CAVALLI

March Anniversaries



DON & PAM JOHNSON

LARRY & ROBIN
SUMMERFIELD

ROBERT & MELANIE
TAYLOR

ROBERT & NANCY NOVAK

Repairs & Restorations

Get Well Soon!

PATTY GIRMAN HAD SURGERY AND IS DOING WELL.
STEVE NELSON HAS COVID 19

Would You Like to Submit an Article for the April Edition?

Please submit it to me by 3/27/24 if possible

Thanks from your editor, Cyrus



The Rainy Weather Will Soon Be Gone... Hopefully.

The Running Board

Information provided by Steve Vining, Tour Chairman

March

9th - Open Garage Day
Hosted by Andy Clary at his home
Starts at 9:00 am

April

**13th - The Nelson's Pancake Breakfast
& Safety Check**
Hosted by the Nelsons at their home
More details to follow

28th - Drive a Lizzy Day
Held at the old State Farm building in Santa Rosa.
More details to follow

May

4th - Famoso Dragstrip Swap-O-Rama
Pre-register before April 27th
Held at 33559 Famoso Rd, Mc Farland, CA 93250
7am to 5pm

June

16th-20th - MTFCA National Tour
See your magazine or the MTFCA website for more information.

September

11th-15th - Overnighter Tour
In Virginia City, Nevada, and surrounding areas
Details are tentative, stay tuned for further information.

March Open Shop Day



Tie Rod Repairs

Article submitted by Ted Shimkowski
Photos submitted by Ted Shimkowski

This was the 2nd garage day held at Andy's house for the REMTC members to come and learn about repairing the tie rod connections on a Model T. There were roughly 12-13 members present, and there was no shortage of tasty donuts thanks to Chris Rich and Jeannine, who provided coffee and pastries as well.

Steve Vining volunteered to use his car as a test subject, and he removed the tie rod from the car to show the members where the pitman arm ball had worn down, and where the previous owners had sanded down the socket caps to take up the slack. Repairs entailed the removal and replacement of a new pitman arm (the part that comes off the bottom of the steering column), as well as replacing the socket caps due to too much material having been removed, causing binding if reused. Andy provided guidance and recommendations to Steve as he got his hands dirty removing and replacing the necessary parts. At times, it sort of looked like a CalTrans work site, with one person working (Steve), and many others standing around the car offering suggestions and eating donuts.

Repairs were completed in a little over an hour and Steve was back on the road again. Thanks again to Andy and Jeannine for hosting this garage day and morning coffee.





My Grandpa's Model Ts

By John Girman

Shortly after I inherited our Model T, I asked my mother about my grandfather and his Model Ts. She said that he had two Model Ts. The first was a 1921 Touring, which he didn't like, and the second was a 1923 Touring, which he did like. No one seems to know why he didn't like the 1921 but did like the 1923, but this sounds suspiciously like my Grandpa Wilson. He probably bought both at Bigelow's Motors in Peninsula, OH, a small town near Akron.

Uncle Paul, one of my mother's older brothers, recalls the day the first Model T was delivered. It was an exciting day for the Wilson children and they were impressed by the slicker worn by the mechanic who delivered the car. He stayed and gave an extensive lesson on how to drive the car. That 1921 Model T was later used by Grandpa Wilson to get the doctor to help with the birth of my mother during a January snowstorm.

The photo, taken in 1925, shows my mother (the littlest girl, who is too shy to look at the camera) and Uncle Paul (the boy in the middle), along with four of their siblings and a cousin in front of and on the Model T. They are on the road in front of the garage at their Hinckley, OH farm with a cow pasture visible behind them. They are probably getting ready to go to church. Apparently, storing your hat on top of a Model T was a cool thing to do then because two of the boys have done so.

One big event related to the Model T stands out in the memory of the Wilson children. In 1925, many of them rode in the Model T from their Hinckley, OH farm to Galax, VA, the original home of their parents (my grandparents). It was a big trip. They probably took one route going there and a different route when returning because my mother said they went through seven States (certainly Ohio, West Virginia and Virginia, probably Pennsylvania and North Carolina and possibly Kentucky and Tennessee). Since Google lists the car trip as 398 mi and 6 hr 13 min taking freeways, and 456 mi and 43 hr if by bicycle, they probably took two or three days by Model T. Seven of the Wilson children made the trip (out of 12 Wilson children in the family) with my grandfather and grandmother. Uncle Joe accompanied them in his Chevy because he was going to bring back his wife, Aunt Pearl, who was already down there visiting. (Grandpa Wilson and Uncle Joe had a running debate about the merits of Fords vs. Chevys. I consider myself fortunate to have descended from the Ford branch of the Wilsons.)

Memories are dim about some details of the trip but vivid about others. When I asked Uncle Paul if the car was crowded, he said "There were heads sticking out everywhere!". Both my mother and he remember their first night in a hotel. It was next to the railroad and the frequent trains made sleeping difficult for kids used to the quiet of a farm. The next day, my mother lay her head on the lap of someone as they traveled along but the cars "whizzing by" kept waking her. They both remember changing bands on the car, probably as a result of traveling through mountain areas. However, the trip was a huge success and, other than changing the bands and patching a few tires, they had no trouble with Grandpa's Model T.

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