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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



April has been an interesting month. We had a nice “flash tour” in early April. Thanks to Larry and Robin for putting it on. Steven Chase, members of our club, and other clubs, have been busy going around the west coast doing various tours. Dan and Dani McEachern are at a speedster rally in Utah. I’m sure there is going to be a lot of stories on the tours to talk about next month.

We had a little excitement on the “flash tour!!” Seems like Donna Jones lost a wheel on her 1914 again. It seems to be problematic for her car. She finally had enough of this kind of excitement and changed over to a different style of wheel. I know she will be a lot happier with this.

Bob Jones picked up a nice 1913 touring. Right now it’s at Andy Clary’s getting a “going over.” I’m looking forward to seeing it when it is finished. My 1912 touring is now in about 150 pieces. Got the rag top finished, the body off, and the engine pulled. Now comes the long process of degreasing, sand blasting, painting, and putting it all together.

Jean and I are off to Yosemite this weekend for one of Steven Chase’s tours. The weather is looking just awesome. We’re looking forward to a great tour.

Happy touring,

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

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April 1, 2021
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Redwood Empire Model T Club
Held via ZOOM, Santa Rosa, California

President: Mike Chirhart called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Attendance: All Board Members and Chairpersons were present for a total of 20 people

Secretary's Report: Jean Chirhart read the minutes. John Girman made one correction --- in Model T Moments the V-8 Club tour needed to be changed to V-8 Swap Meet. The minutes were approved by Dianna Shimkowski and seconded by Patty Girman.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Vining said there was one business ad income, and several checks written for the Website Domain, Host costs, and some supplies. Cindy did an investigation for fraudulent activity on the account, but the bank realized they had made some errors. We are still solvent.

Tour Report: Larry Summerfield said there will be a tour in late April or early May depending on the weather. Steve Vining and John Girman will meet in the next few weeks to decide on an August tour to the Ukiah area and coordinating with the Morrison's who live up there.

Special Events: None listed

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski will send out a card to the Holtz family for the death of our beloved Charter Member Earl Holtz. She has sent several cards to Steve Cavalli and wanted to know if anyone has an update on his condition - no one had.

Librarian Report: Patty Girman had nothing to report.

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining said Google had pulled our website down for about 10 days and he was disappointed that no one noticed. He was able to get Google to reinstall it.

Editor's Report: Nanette Chuck said that the emailed newsletter keeps getting rejected for Dick and AnnMarie Winterhalder's email address's and so a newsletter was mailed to them.

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski delivered the last new member bag to the Buegeleisen's in Windsor this week.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson was happy to receive pictures and story from the last tour.

Old Business: Hopefully, we will do one more Zoom meeting before going outdoors for the summer.

New Business: None

Model T Moments: Vince Gregoire is doing fine and will have his pacemaker worked on shortly. Dan McEachern previewed his Alameda tour on April 18th with the Horseless Carriage group. We sent the tour invitation to all the members in the hopes to get some of them there.

Andy Clary mentioned that Bob Jones purchased a 1913, and that George Jones had purchased yet another 'T, this time a Four Door that was all original.

Dessert provided by: None

Adjourned at: 7:33pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Jean Chirhart, REMTC Secretary



Terry & Jan Storm

Frank & Diane Burns

Ken & Cheryl Caldwell

CONGRATULATIONS and Thank You

To *Ted Shimkowski*, whose photo of *Steve and Cece DePaoli's* 1930's gas station replica, made the cover of this month's Mar-Apr 2021 issue of **VINTAGE Ford** magazine. And this is all thanks to *Steve Vining* for coordinating the photo shoot and submitting it for publication.

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Gwen Brown

Patty Gorman

Lori Stevenson

Kelly Stone

Richard Chuck

Chris Rich

Cyrus Estes

Ron Welsh

Steven Chase

Ted Grosman

*"Men are equal;
it is not birth but virtue
that makes the difference." Voltaire 1694-1778 France*



18TH ANNUAL OAKMONT CAR SHOW

on Saturday, May 29, 2021

As Sonoma County has moved to the "Red Tier" (effective 3/14/21) for Covid-19, we're now looking forward to holding our annual car show. Following safety protocols, all cars will be displayed at 6 feet apart. Also, all entrants and attendees should plan on wearing a mask, and social distancing whenever possible.

FOR CAR REGISTRATION
emailmurph@aol.com

**If you wish to exhibit your vehicle in our show this year,
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Unless specific arrangements are made, entrants are limited to one car.
Unregistered cars will not be admitted.

The cost to enter your vehicle is \$10.00 payable when you arrive.

Please note:

We will stage the cars from 9:00 to 9:45 am and the show is over at 1:00 pm.
Expect a confirmation email about two weeks prior to the show
with more specific information.

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Six Tours in 4 Weeks

*Photographs and text
by Steven Chase*

April 9, 2021

#1 The Model T Ford Club
of San Diego's

three-day
Joshua Tree Tour

#2 The elegant Julia Wilkerson Santa Barbara Tour

started Sunday evening
in **Ojai**, California.

Photo at right:
At the Historic Santa Barbara Mission
with thirty T-ers,
4 Model T's and one Model A.



Santa Barbara Tour:

April 13, 2021, we enjoyed a magical tour of Model T Fords
at a cannabis processing farm in Ventura and had lunch on
the beach.

That night, we had dinner at the elegant Ojai Valley Inn.

Tour #3 the speedsters
in St George Utah



Today some of us (the diehards) are at Coral Pink Sands State Park near Kanab Utah.

Yesterday, we went up into the brisk mountains and around Lake Panguitch near Cedar Breaks National Monument.

Today, the weather couldn't be nicer for our full complement "eight T tour" into the depths of Bryce Canyon National Park.

Tomorrow, we trailer to Las Vegas and then on to the Bakersfield Swap Meet in Tulare California.



There, we will stage our next tour through the expansive Walnut Groves and to the Brian Blaine Horseless Carriage race car rescue foundation in Visalia.



Tour #4 of 6 Bryce Canyon
(at left) the group.

The photograph at right is from last week's
SNMTC and MTFSC's **Utah Canyon Tour**—
Is that snow?

Captured by Clinton Comb.



Tech Tip:

Checking Coolant

by John Girman

Most of us are familiar with how to check the coolant for freezing protection. You just need to use a hydrometer, either the inexpensive type with the little floating balls or the more sophisticated type with graduated markings on a float. About the only caution to be observed is to make sure you are using the correct hydrometer, either one for ethylene glycol coolant or for propylene glycol coolant, depending on the type of coolant you have in your Model T or early Ford V8. You also need to test the coolant under the conditions correct for the type of hydrometer you are using, either hot or cold.

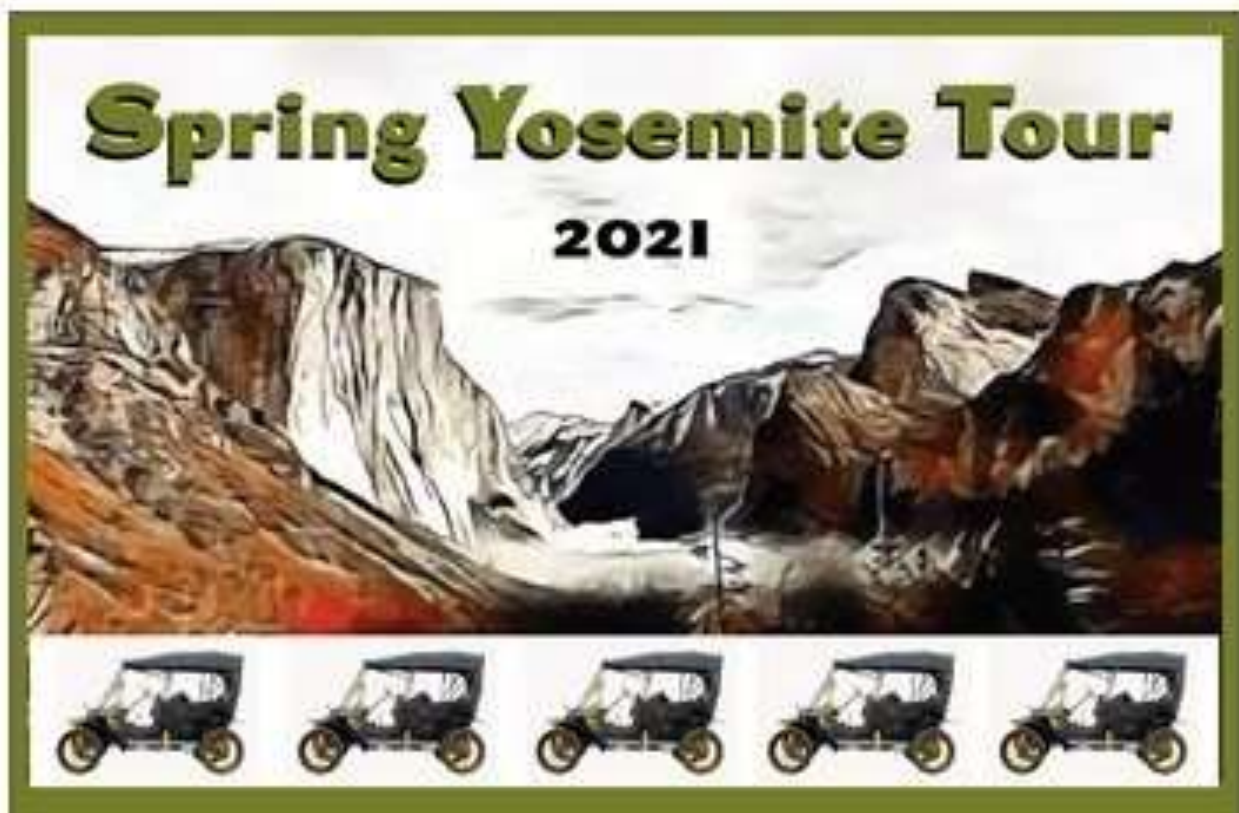


However, there is another test for coolant that is equally important: checking to make sure your coolant still has sufficient corrosion protection. While this is important for all early Ford's, this is especially important if your engine has an aluminum head. The corrosion protection that is in all new coolant can be depleted with time allowing the formation of organic acids and electrolysis can result. Basically, electrolysis can occur whenever two dissimilar metals are in contact with each other and with an acidic solution. This forms a simple electrical cell and the resulting electricity can cause corrosion. Thus, if the coolant is allowed to become acidic, the internal parts of the engine (and even the radiator) will corrode.

Fortunately, there is a simple test you can do to check for corrosion protection. You could use pH strips to check the acidity of your coolant but most of us don't have a handy supply of these. Instead, you can use a tool that most of us have at hand, our volt-ohm meter (VOM).

All you have to do is set your VOM to a DC voltage range that can measure in tenths of a volt. Remove the radiator cap and place the metal probe of the negative VOM lead into the coolant, being careful that it does not touch any other part of the radiator. Place the positive lead of the VOM against a bare metal part of the radiator (or a good ground on the engine). If you get a reading of 0.2 volts or less, your coolant is in good shape. If you get a reading of 0.5 volts, your coolant is borderline and you should consider replacing it. If you get a reading of 0.7 volts, replace your coolant immediately.

That's all there is to it! Now is the time to check your coolant. (And by the way, this also works for modern cars and corrosion protection is even more important for them because of all the different metals in a modern engine.)



A three day Central California Model T tour is being put together for Sunday, May 2nd through Tuesday, May 4th.

The preliminary plan is as follows;

May 1, Bakersfield Swap Meet, Tulare, CA

May 2, Tulare-Visalia morning/lunch tour w/ local Ts and trailer 1.5 hr north to Best Western Oakhurst.

May 3, tour north into Yosemite Valley via highway 41 with logging road and Glacier Point detours (60 mi). Stay on the valley floor walking distance from the Ahwahnee Hotel, cocktails by the river, dinner at the Ahwahnee Hotel.

May 4, tour west-southwest via highway 140 (70mi) back to Best Western Oakhurst to retrieve our trucks and trailers.

May 5, Return home

Five heated cabin-tents at Curry Village Yosemite have been booked as well as reservations for 10 at the Ahwahnee Dining Room.

Cheers,
Steven Chase



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