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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Redwood Empire Model Ters,

For those of you who didn't attend the meeting, we had a switch of two club positions. Jeannine Clary has become the librarian and Sandy O'Halloran has become the secretary. Thanks to both them for agreeing to serve the club in different ways.

We had good attendance at the Pancake Breakfast. (Did someone mention free food or what?). Patty and I really enjoyed the breakfast and seeing everyone. Steve and Jeanne Nelson are always super hosts. It was Patty's first outing since her knee replacement surgery. However, because of that, we didn't get to go on the tour afterwards. I saw Ted Shimkowski's pictures and read Mike Chirhart's article about it. It looks like it was a really great tour and I'm disappointed that we missed it.

But there is another tour coming up this month: the Hamburger Tour to Coverdale, hosted by Larry and Robin Summerfeld. Sounds like fun. Hope to see you there on May 21.

Also, we will be doing the Forestville Parade again this year on June 4. There will be more details later but, for now, save the date.

John Girman

CHAPTER INFORMATION

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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

April 7, 2022

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

President: John Girman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. John Girman welcomed our new guests Tom McAlister and Bob Dunn. John made an announcement that Jeannine Clary and Sandy O'Halloran will be switching positions within the club. Going forward Sandy O'Halloran will be the Secretary, and Jeannine will take over the Librarian's position.

Attendance: 25 members in attendance. All board members were present.

Secretary's Report: Sandy O'Halloran read the Secretary's report for March 3, 2022. The report was approved by Mike Chirhart and seconded by Jeannine Clary.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Girman read the Treasurer's report.

Tour Report: Mike Chirhart reported on upcoming tours and events. Nelson's Pancake breakfast is fast approaching. It will be April 9th followed by a short tour. May 21st will either be the "cooker" tour or the tour to Paoletti's winery. Mike is still working on both. June 4th will be the Forestville Parade. August will have a "taste of Italy" tour. September 10th the Wohler Bridge tour.

Special Events: Vince was absent. No report for this month.

Sunshine Report: Dianna reported there was a lot of sunshine this month. Cards were sent to the family of Phil Aaron regarding his passing. Pete Rich had foot surgery. Patty Girman had a knee replacement surgery. Ted Shimkowski made two trips to the ER regarding heart issues. Pete, Patty and Ted are all healing and doing well.

Librarian's Report: Going forward Jeannine Clary will take over as the club's librarian. Added to the library are two new books added to the library. *Two Thousand Miles on An Automobile* by Arthur Jerome Eddy & Frank Verbeck, and *Call to Adventure* by Aloha Wanderwell Baker. If interested in reading these books, see Jeannine.

Editor's Report: Nanette was absent. No report this month.

Membership Report: Ted reported he had some work done around his house and met a gentleman that may want to join the club. He will be in touch with Ted if he decides to join.

Historian Report: Jeanne was happy with the pictures added to the web.

Scholarship Report: Andy had nothing new to report. He is working on getting contacts for various schools/colleges.

Old Business: - Steve Vining wanted to know if anyone was interested in purchasing wind breakers or hats. He also shared a summary of the safety check. Was happy to report this year all the wooden wheels were in good shape. Jeanne talked to Bill Newlin who is working on the audit of last years books. He was surprised to see PayPal entries as he was unaware we were using PayPal. John Girman said after the board met regarding charitable donations, the decision was made to cap the donations to \$250 per year. Any \$50 memorial donation will be included in the \$250. At the end of the year the Board will review cash flow and revisit the cap. Motion was made by Dianna Shimkowski and seconded by Steve Vining. Steve Nelson said he needed cooks for the Pancake breakfast (pancakes and sausage cookers) as he wasn't sure if Larry was going to be there. Steve Vining, Andy and Jeannine Clary volunteered. He also reminded us of the small tour afterwards.

New Business: John Girman talked about the SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) regarding flyers in our Newsletter. Flyers for our club and the National should go into our newsletter, otherwise a brief notice or email only. The Board passed this suggestion.

Model T Moments: Sebastian shared that people at an event he attended were amazed that Model T's had wooden wheels. Andy said his 26 coupe is running. Jeannine wanted to know if the club can think of anything that can be made with the club emblem and let her know. Aprons were suggested.

- John Girman shared about a tour taken in DC when a Model T rolled back over a yellow jacket nest.

Dessert Provided by: Fran Faraudo

Meeting Adjourned: 7:52pm motioned by: Ted Shimkowski and seconded by: Steve Vining

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandy O'Halloran, REMTC Secretary

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Gwen Brown

Patty Girman

Kelly Stone

Richard Chuck

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Cyrus Estes

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Ted Grosman

Editor's Note:

I have a new email address. Please send your photos and stories for the Newsletter to: 4RNetMail6@gmail.com

GENERAL MEETING DESSERTS FOR 2022

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 6TH -

FEBRUARY 3RD - JEANNINE CLARY

MARCH 3RD - DIANNA SHIMKOWSKI

APRIL 7TH - FRAN FARAUDO

MAY 5TH - SANDY O'HALLORAN

JUNE 2ND - JEAN CHIRHART

JULY 7TH - CYRUS ESTES

AUGUST 4TH - PAM JOHNSON

SEPTEMBER 1ST - SEBASTIAN AMBRA

OCTOBER 6TH - CINDY VINING

NOVEMBER 3RD - GWEN BROWN

DECEMBER - 1ST - PATTY GIRMAN



Jan & Terry Storm

Frank & Diane Burns

Ken & Cheryl

TWO NEW POLICIES have been adopted by REMTC

Standard Operating Procedure for Flyers in Our Newsletter

March 2022

In general, we will not publish flyers or registration forms in our newsletter for events other than those by REMTC and the National MFTCA. Instead, we will publish, as space allows, a notice as provided by other parties in the newsletter about the event with contact information for those who want more information. We will also include events and contact information from the flyer on our website calendar. As appropriate, we will forward the flyer to REMTC members (by email) for their consideration.

Standard Operating Procedure for Charitable Donations

April 2022

The club will donate up to \$250 per year toward an agreed-upon charity or charities. The \$50 memoriam paid to a charity associated with a member who passed on will be included in that \$250 total. At the end of the year, the Board will review the club's donated cash flow and determine if a further charitable donation is reasonable.

Although insured, Remember Kiddo, they don't pay
you, they pay the widow.

*Verse by the side
of the Road*



HOW I CAME TO OWN A MODEL T

by Steven Cavalli



I first set my eyes on an antique car when I was 8 years old.

My parents had friends in Napa, and it seems we visited them frequently. On the way there we would pass a large red barn on Silverado Trail. There were always one or two antique cars parked in front, and the barn door, when open, often showed ANOTHER in various stages of restoration! I would beg my parents to stop there so I could see what the latest project entailed!

The owner of the property was an elderly gentleman named Frank Barnes. (Some of you older Model T buffs may have known him or remember him).

Frank had several old redwood chicken houses in the back lot. He took me down there one day and showed me the contents of those chicken houses! They were FILLED with old dusty 20's and 30's cars waiting to be restored.

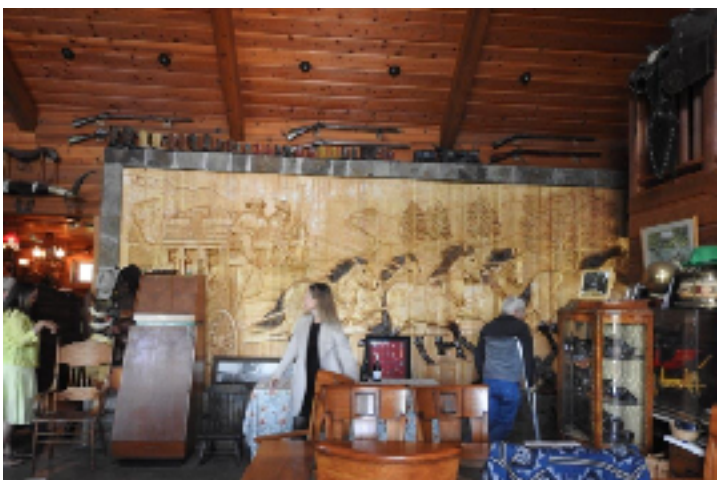
Frank had an old Model T tow truck that still ran. He would use that tow truck to drag one of those rusty hulks up to the large red barn and faithfully restore it, then sell it.

I could not wait to go to Napa again, and see Frank's latest project! I was HOOKED! My love affair with antique cars was in full bloom.

In my late 20's . . . (before E-bay)...I began to buy almost every antique car I saw, for sale, on the side of the road! I bought and sold a '48 Plymouth sedan, a '39 Dodge coupe, a '36 Dodge 4 door sedan, and finally a '35 Plymouth Rumble Seat Coupe that I still own.

Despite the fun and beauty of all of those cars, my REAL desire was for an open touring car, but none were affordable! One day, while on E-bay, I came across a beautiful black 1925 Model T touring car in Los Angeles. Debbie and I flew down there and I drove it. That was it! We bought it on the spot!

A week later we returned with a trailer and brought her home. As we came down the Grapevine Highway to I-5, we passed a little town called "Buttonwillow." We loved the name, and that has been the Model T's name to this day! "Button Willow" has carried us many a mile with never more of a problem than an occasional flat tire! Henry Ford produced a very reliable car!



Nelson's Annual Pancake Feed

Driving to the Nelson's, I was pondering how the event would go this year. Well, it didn't take long to find out. There's nothing that can beat the smell of sausages and ham grilling in the outdoors. Top that off with pancakes and coffee and you have a great feast.

We had a change of cooks this year with the guys stepping back and the ladies stepping in. Special thanks to Jeannine Clary and Robin Summerfield for doing all of the cooking. They had their hands full with over 40 people to feed but they pulled it off.

After eating and socializing, Steve and Jeanne Nelson rounded up the group and 13 T's took off around 11:00 AM for a short ride to the Tresch Dairy Farm which was established in 1905. Now what do you think you would see on a 3200 acre dairy farm with 750 head of cattle? Cows?? Farm equipment?? Hay?? Cow pies?? Yep we saw all of that but... We were pleasantly surprise when the owner, Joe Tresch, let us tour his "man cave". Wow!!! This was like going back in time with the vintage bar, wood carvings, hunting trophy's mounted on all of the the walls, old arrow heads, spurs, cowboy boots, saddles. I could go on and on. We were all amazed at his beautiful collection. Oh!! I forgot to mention one more thing...The gun collection. There must have been at least 500 vintage firearms mounted throughout the "man cave."

After that, it was time to go for a back country drive on a dirt road that went up into the hills of Tresh Dairy Farm for some fantastic views of the Petaluma Valley. We stopped on top and hiked around enjoying the beautiful views. The dairy cows took a liking to our T's. They came up looked at them and some even started to try to clean the dust off but weren't too successful only leaving a lot of smudges. We decided it was time to leave when the bull decided to investigate. So, off we went to our final stop.... A neat old covered bridge. We drove through it and again stopped for a bit to enjoy the ambiance.

This was a great "5 star" tour. Special thanks to Steve and Jeanne Nelson for putting on a great event.

Mike Chirhart, Tour Chairman



*Photos submitted
by
Ted Shimkowski*



THE RUNNING BOARD

May

Cloverdale Tour & Hamburger Lunch

May 21, 2002

Hosts: Larry & Robin Summerfield

Golden Gate Tour (Sponsored by the So. California Model T Club), May 30th through June 4th.

June

FORESTVILLE. PARADE

June 4, 2022 10AM. hosted by Pat and Sandy O'Halloran

Meet at Carr's Drive-In at 9:00 AM for coffee and donuts. Parade staging will be at 9:45 AM with the start at 10:00 AM. Please bring wrapped candy to pass out to the children along the route. There will be a short "flash tour" after the parade with the final stop at Forestville Youth Park for lunch. *Mike Chirhart, Tour Chairman*

July

July 4th **Kenwood 4th of July Parade**

July 16th **Paoletti Winery Wine Cave Tour and Picnic by their Lake**

July - **Napa Valley Tour**, Hosted by Steve & Debbie Cavalli.

August

August 13th **"Taste of Italy" Tour**, Hosted by Con & Fran Faraudo, Tour by Mike & Jean Chirhart

September

Sept 10th Wohler Bridge 100 year Commemorative Tour

(contact Mary Dreisback 707-433-7144, Hosted by Mike & Jean Chirhart)

date to be decided **Novato Tour and BBQ** at Vince O'Brien's (our host)

October

October - **T & A Tour**

November

November - **Turkey Trot Tour** (weather permitting)

December

December 11th **Christmas Dinner**



Warren's 1912 Speedster on the Sun Country Model T Club's Speedster Run this weekend in Wickenburg Arizona.

Photo submitted by Steven Chase

Sharing the Road with other SP KES



*Photos submitted
by
Mike Chirhart*





*Photos submitted
by
Jean Chirhart*



Yosemite Overnight Tour

by Mike Chirhart

After a leisurely drive down to Oakhurst, we met up with 30 plus other people from the MTFC of San Diego, MTFC of Southern California, Santa Clara Valley MTFC, and of course, the REMTC. There were 15 cars total on the tour. We had a nice turn-out of REMTC members: Fred and Nancy Byl, Steven and Debbie Cavalli, Steven Chase, Bob and Jayne Jones, Donna Jones, Jim and Margie Pappakostas and Jean and myself.

We headed out on Monday with clear skies and Spring like conditions. It was a leisurely 50 mile drive into the Yosemite Valley. We made several stops along the way, enjoying the scenery and beautiful views. The cars performed well even as we passed over the 6,000 foot summit at Glacier Point Turn off.

We stopped for lunch at the East end of the Wawona Tunnel, and enjoyed the view of Bridal Veil Falls, and all of the surrounding mountains. Then we were off to either the Ahwahnee Hotel or the Curry Village Campgrounds to settle in for the day.

We enjoyed a great evening social at the House Keeping Campgrounds hosted by the Kombs from Las Vegas, Nevada. We sat by the Merced River as we enjoyed going over the day's events. Their son, Carson, was our youngest Model T driver. He owns a Model T at the young age of 14. He's really into his car showing us his driving skills with his dad by his side.

Tuesday we woke up to cloudy skies and light rain. Some of us ventured out in our T's but others decided to use the Yosemite shuttles to get around to the various sites. We had a grand dinner at the Ahwahnee Hotel on Tuesday evening with about 30 members showing up.

Wednesday the weather had changed back to clear skies as we prepared to work our way back to Oakhurst. We made several stops on the way out of Yosemite. We saw some adult bears with their cubs, made a stop at El Capitan, and watched some climbers hanging precariously on the rocks, and just taking in all of the beautiful scenery.

We did a leisurely drive following the Merced River as we worked our way to Mariposa where we stopped for lunch and explored this old town. Finally we headed back to Oakhurst and ended our trip. Everyone made it back, no break downs, and just a fun 3 days of driving in some of the most scenic mountains of California.





*Photos submitted
by
Mike Chirhart*



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