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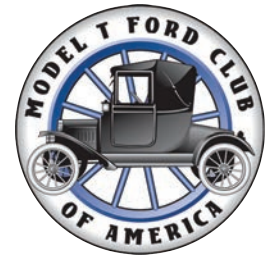
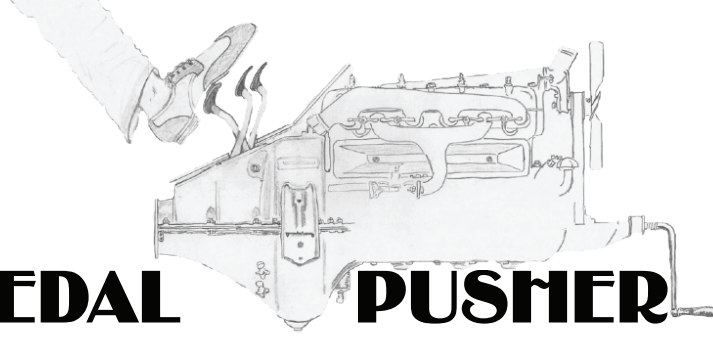
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's May already, the weather should be getting good and we can go joy riding in our Ts. I want to thank the Nelsons for another successful pancake breakfast, and even though the weather did not cooperate with the safety inspection, we still had a big turnout. I also want to thank the Longs for hosting the drive a lizzie day and BBQ. Even though it hasn't happened as I write this, I'm sure it'll be a hit.

A little housekeeping: We want to clarify the Standing Rules as pertaining to the overnigher. The honorarium for the tour host comes out of the club treasury to help defray planning costs. The \$400 allowance for the trouble truck is an expense, and is to be added to the tour costs. We'll have a tour on the 11th and a shop day on the 18th. See everyone on the road.

~Andy

Board Members

President.....Andy Clary
Vice President.....Tim McCallister
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Treasurer.....Patty Girman
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2024

Historian.....Jeanne Nelson
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Roster.....Patty Girman
Scholarship.....John Girman
Sunshine Reporter...Dianna Shimkowski
Tours.....Steve Vining, Dave Ryberg
Webmaster.....Steve Vining

Chairpersons

Chapter Information & National Affiliation

The Pedal Pusher is a monthly publication of the Redwood Empire Model T Club (REMTC).

The club holds a general meeting on the first Thursday of each month in the meeting room of the Round Table Restaurant located on Marlow Rd. in Santa Rosa. Members and guests are welcome to attend.

REMTC website: www.remtc.org

Dues for an individual, or a household, are \$30 per year. Student memberships (no fee) include only the emailed REMTC newsletter.

Charter members after the age of 85 have an honorary membership.

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Redwood Empire Model T Club General Meeting Minutes

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

April 4th, 2024

Vice President: Andy Clary called this meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Attendance: 28 Members in attendance. Absent Board member, Tim McCallister. Absent Chairpersons, Ted and Dianna Shimkowski.

Secretary's Report: Jeannine Clary read the secretary's report, with approvals by Steve Cavalli & Steve Nelson. Jeannine also announced this month's birthdays and anniversaries.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Girman read the treasury report, with approvals by Jean Chirhart and Malcom Brown.

Tour Report: Steve Vining reported that our Pancake Breakfast and Safety Check is on April 13th, starting at 8:30, and the Drive a Lizzy Day is scheduled for April 28th at 9am. June 1st is the Forestville Parade, and the National Tour is also in June. For July, we will have a cooker tour, and in August there will be a tour by Mike & Jean Chirhart. September is our Club Overnighter. Make your reservations as soon as possible.

Sunshine Report: With Dianna Shimkowski absent, it was reported that Ted Shimkowski is recovering well from his surgery. Tim McCallister had surgery, and is doing well.

Scholarship Report: John Girman reported that he met with an individual from the V8 Club who has contacts regarding school contacts.

Editor's Report: Cyrus Estes reported that we mailed out 18 copies of our newsletter and all went well. The roster has been printed and is being handed out. Cyrus is to send Andy Clary a list of the members receiving mailed newsletters.

Membership Report: In Ted Shimkowski's absence, it was reported that we have a new member from Las Vegas, Clinton Carson.

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining reported that he will add times on tours and can make changes on our software.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson noted that she had not received any pictures from the Shop Day, and that we have albums here to look through.

Old Business: Steve Vining reported that the verbiage regarding trouble truck should be in next month's newsletter. Monthly tours will be reimbursed up to \$100.00. Cindy Vining will audit our finances.

New Business: We are looking for a Trouble Truck driver for the Club Overnighter. The possibilities are Tim McCallister and James Harris, but neither has been confirmed. Please let us know if you would be interested in being our Trouble Truck Driver.

Model T Moments: Mike Chirhart changed tires on his C-Cab and took 2-1/2 to 3 hours and was a real pain. Steve Nelson reported that Vince O'Brian's Star car broke down and had to be towed. A new radiator is in store for his Star Car. Steve Vining noted that the Model T Depot Hack he purchased from one of our members just got sold again to Steve DePaoli. John Girman mentioned an article in the National Magazine about the arm on crank case. A good article to read. Pete Rich noted that he has some if needed. Jeanne Nelson noted that it would be great if we all wrote a brief story about our cars and how we got interested in Model T's.

Dessert of Toffee Bars were provided by Jean Chirhart.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:42 PM

Respectfully submitted by *Jeannine Clary*, REMTC Secretary



May Birthdays



GWEN BROWN
STEVEN CHASE
RICHARD CHUCK
CYRUS ESTES
PATTY GIRMAN
CHRIS RICH
KELLY STONE
RON WELSH
TED GROSMAN

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

May Anniversaries



FRANK & DIANE BURNS
TERRY & JAN STORM
ROBERT & STELLA DUNNE
DAVID & JONI STONEBERG

**WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS:
CLINT, IZZY, CARSON & WYATT COMBS**

Repairs & Restorations Get Well Soon!

TED SHIMKOWSKI IS RECOVERING FROM
HIS SURGERY.
TIM MCCALLISTER IS DOING WELL
AFTER HIS SURGERY

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

Please submit it to me by 5/31/2024
if possible

Thanks from your editor, Cyrus

Speed Limits in 1924

By John Girman

Recently, I ran across an interesting article in Scientific American about speed limits in the USA in 1924. Yes, almost every state had a speed limit for the open road in 1924 and, yes, most Model Ts were capable of exceeding them! Below is the entire article:

“Top Speed Limit: 35 Miles Per Hour

Every state, almost, has a general speed limit on the open road. Some states name a figure not to be exceeded under any circumstances. Others set a figure related to reckless driving: if you drive faster than this and have a smash, it is up to you to prove that you were not reckless. Two states, Maine and Maryland, have both: more than 25 miles per hour establishes prima facie evidence against the driver, and more than 35 is categorically prohibited. In all other states, the driver has to read the book to discover whether the speed limit is absolute or prima facie. Five states specify 25 miles, sixteen name 30, and nine, 35.

As extremes, we have 20 in Massachusetts and 40 in Kansas. Three states ask for a ‘reasonable and proper’ speed, without stating any numerical limits. In overtaking a car ahead, the faster we move and the quicker we get it over with, the less road is it necessary for us to preempt. So Virginia requires that an illegal speed can be maintained for an eighth of a mile before it becomes an offense; Delaware, Massachusetts, Minnesota and New Hampshire give the driver a quarter-mile grace; while Florida, Louisiana and Missouri allow a driver to burn up the road for a half-mile before the speed becomes a matter for police interference.”

So that’s it. Mind your speed and don’t have a “smash.”

The Running Board

Information provided by Steve Vining, Tour Chairman

May

4th - Famoso Dragstrip Swap-O-Rama

Held at 33559 Famoso Rd, Mc Farland, CA 93250

7am to 5pm

11th - The May Tour

Meeting at the Cary's house at 9am

After some gratuitous driving around, we will be visiting a private collection of cars and memorabilia.

After the viewing we will be having lunch at Hacienda Toro Restaurant.

Please RSVP to Jeannine or Andy

25th - 21st Annual Oakmont Car Show

Online registration

Held at the Berger Center, Santa Rosa

10am to 1pm

27th - Memorial Day Car Show

Online registration

Held at the Newsong Church, Windsor

10am to 2pm

June

1st - Forestville Parade

Meeting at Carrs Drive-In at 9am for the 10am parade, to open the annual Forestville Youth Park BBQ.

As in the past, they have asked that a couple of Touring cars carry the "Citizen of the Year" and "Grand Marshal"

16th-20th - MTFCA National Tour

See your magazine or the MTFCA website for more information.

July

6th - Penngrove Power and Implement Museum

We have a standing invitation to show car at this event. See Steve Vining for further information.

13th - Cooker Tour

Stay tuned for further information

September

11th-15th - Overnighter Tour

In Virginia City, Nevada, and surrounding areas

Details are tentative, stay tuned for further information.

2024 Pancake Breakfast

Article by John Girman

A cool and drizzly April 13 didn't stop over 40 REMTC members from gathering at the Nelson's compound for a pancake breakfast. Some of the members attending had not been to a club function for a while, and it was good to reconnect. The awnings provided protection from the weather as Jeannine Clary and Sebastian Ambra handled cooking pancakes, ham and sausage, which were distributed primarily by Dave Ryberg and Sheri Granigen. A fruit cocktail, orange juice and coffee rounded out the menu. No one went away hungry.

Members had plenty of time to eat and socialize in the main room and in the diner/soda fountain space. Photo albums of the club's activities were available, and many members browsed through and made comments on them. Everyone appeared to enjoy the camaraderie. Not surprisingly, due to the weather, no Model Ts were driven to the breakfast and no safety check was held.

When members left, the driveway of the Nelson's compound was a mosaic of gridlocked cars. However, all the cars were disentangled smoothly and with ease, almost as though it had all been choreographed. It was a nice event and it was good to see many REMTC members.

Many thanks to Jeanne and Steve Nelson for all their preparations and hosting this event.



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